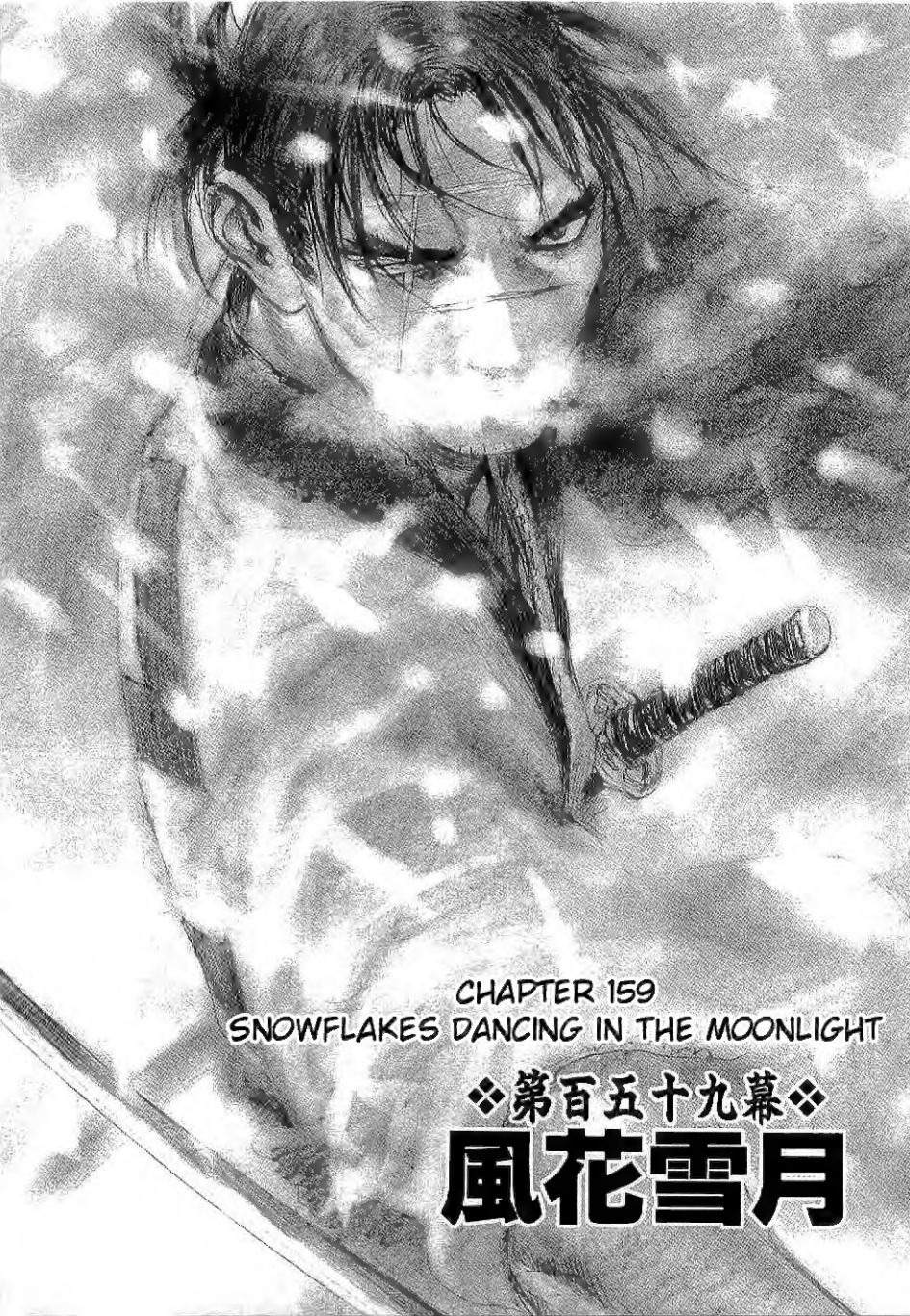

CHAPTER 159
SNOWFLAKES DANCING IN THE MOONLIGHT

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WELL, I SEE.
SO YOU'VE BEEN TRICKED BY THEM.
THOSE TWO...
...WEREN'T MY COMRADES. THEY ARE NOTORIOUS VAGABONDS.
THE GUY IS NUTS. YOU CAN HIT HIM, STAB HIM. WHATEVER YOU LIKE...
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FINISH HIM. NOT KIDDING!

WHAT WAS HIS NAME?
ARAYA.
... ABOUT YOUR FATHER ....
IT'S TOO BAD ...
... THAT'S NO BIG DEAL!
LOSING AN ARM...
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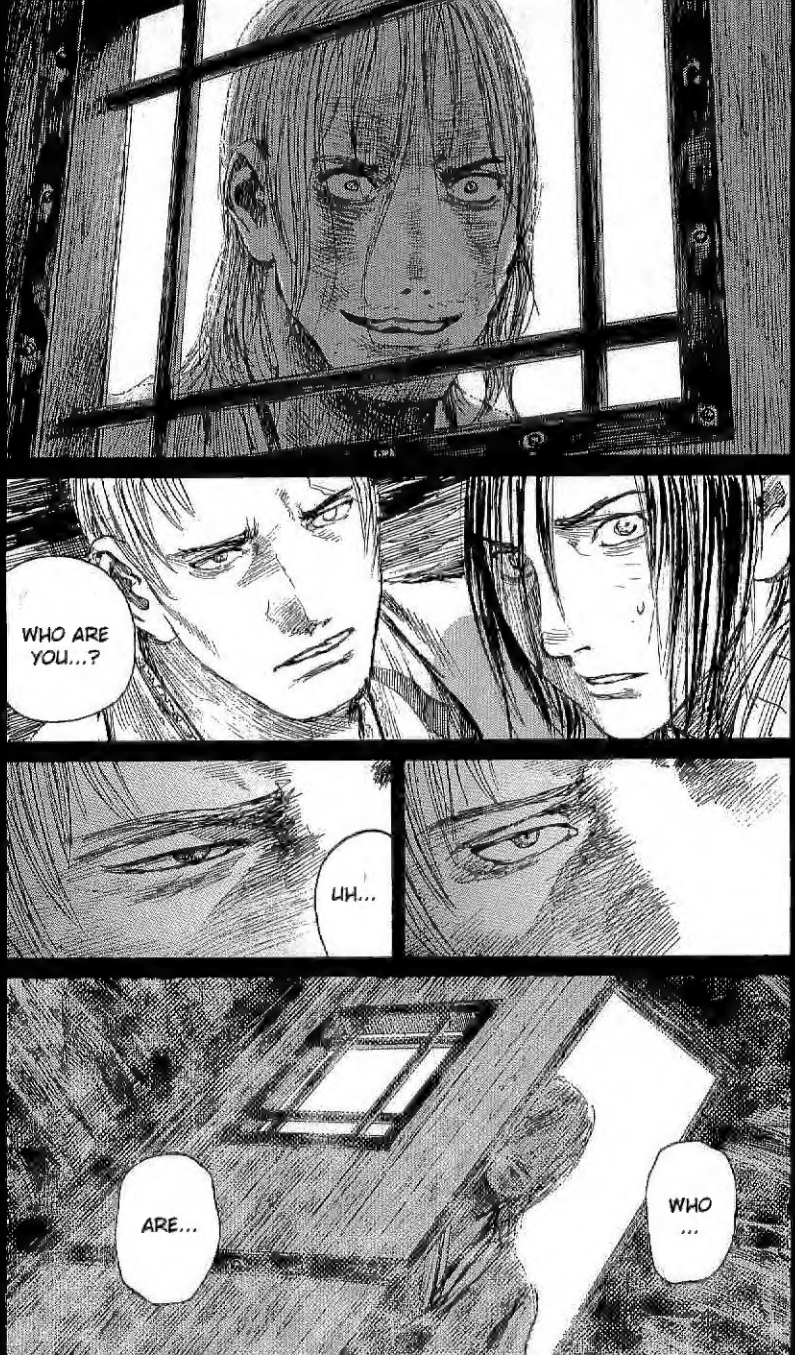
HIS FATHER WAS ARAYA KAWAKAMI...
DID YOU KNOW HIM?
ARAYA KAWAKAMI WAS ITTO RYU ....
MANJI KILLED HIM FOR SURE...
YES, I KNEW HIM.

INTERESTING... I SURE PICKED THE RIGHT BOY.
MANJI, RIN, ITTO-RYU... HE HE HE!
?
BAH! THIS STINKS REALLY BAD ...!
!
MEDICINE? AND I'M SUPPOSED TO DRINK THIS SHIT?!
HEY! YOU CAN'T JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!
POUR THAT STUFF AWAY!
Y-YES ...

GOT IT?!
DID HE DRINK IT?
YES, SEEMS SO.


WHO ARE YOU...?
UH...
ARE...
WHO ...

URRG ...
IT'S SO COLD...!
RENZO BRING ME HOT WATER...!
RENZO! HOT WATER!
WHA ...
WHAT IS THIS...?!

THAT SCAR...?
WHAT DID THEY DO TO MY LEG?
WAIT ...
IS THAT ACTUALLY MY LEG?!
RENZO! HOT WATER...!
THIS TIME IT'S THE LEFT LEG...

FUCK!
KCH...
A HEADACHE IS NO REASON AT ALL TO BE UPSET...
WHAT IS THIS HEAD-ACHE?!
THAT'S ODD.
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THEY'RE REALLY MAKING A NOISE OVER THERE TODAY...
SHIT...
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WHAT THE HECK?! WHERE'S THAT WATER COMING FROM?!
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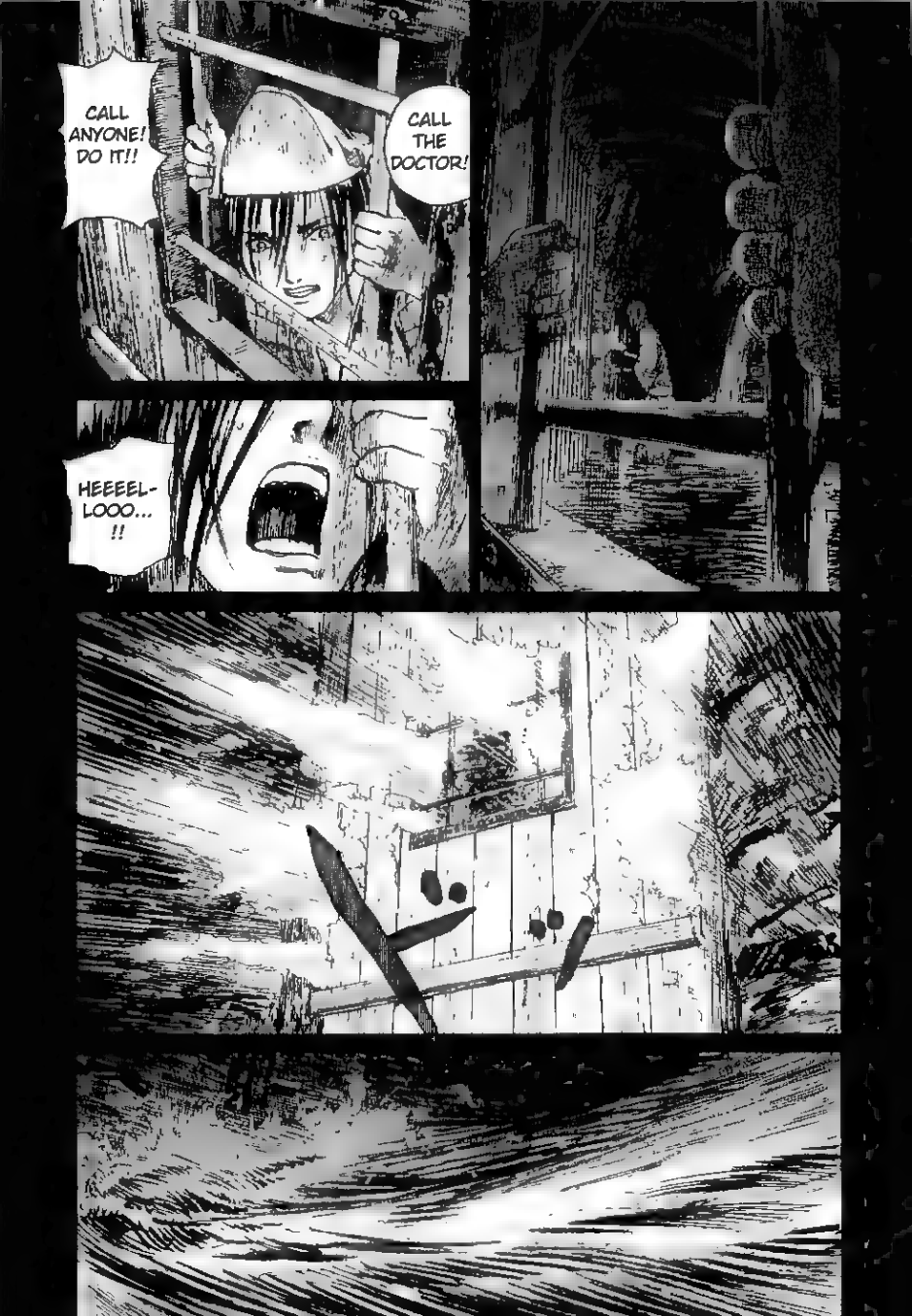
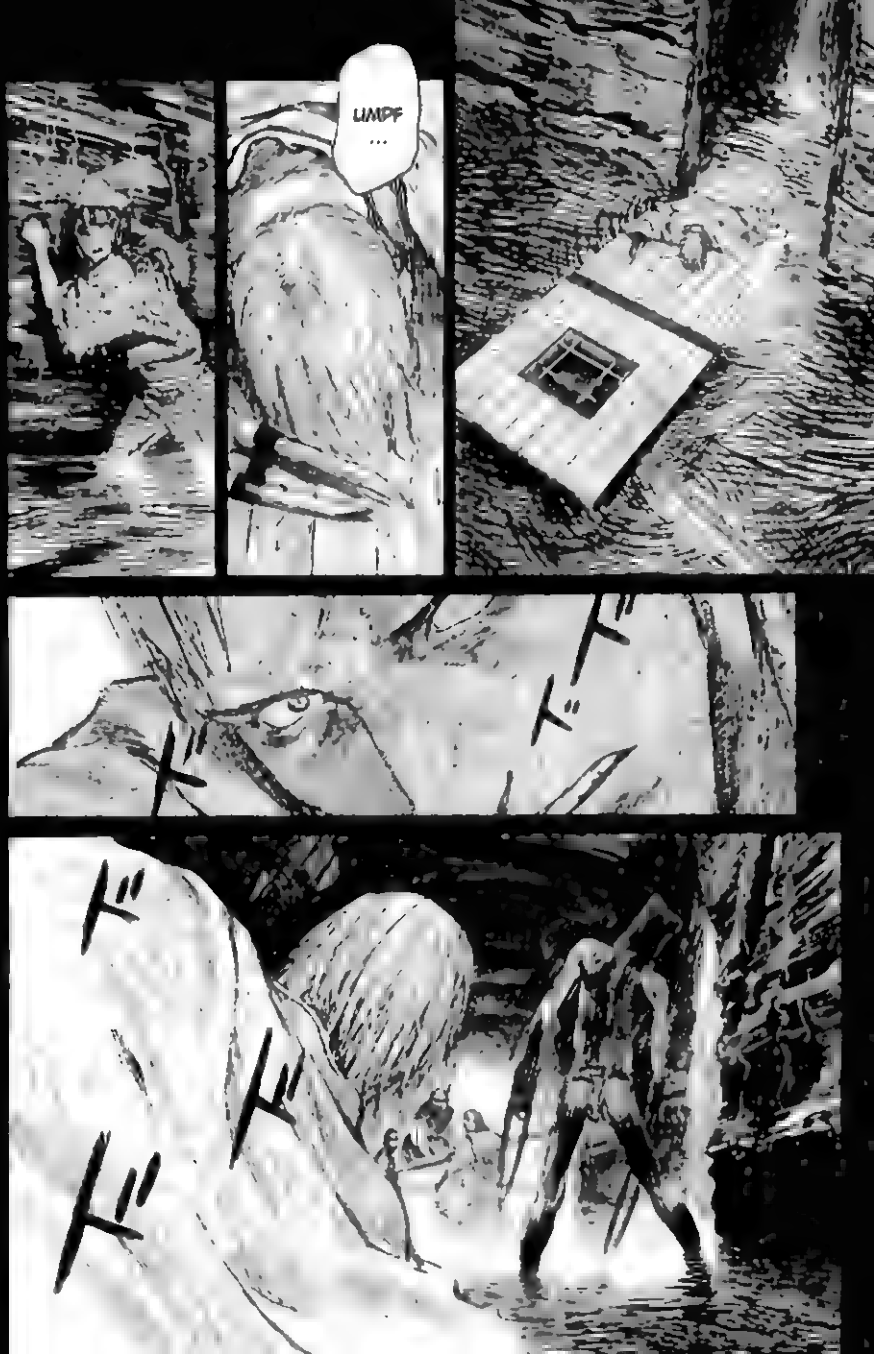

CALL ANYONE! DO IT!!
CALL THE DOCTOR!
HEEEEL-LOOO... !!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WHAT IS THIS?!
WHA...

MUHAHA
HAHA
HAHA
HAHA
!!!!!

YOU KNOW, MANJI..
SHIRA!
THAT FEELING IS AMAZING.
NOW I FIGURED IT OUT.
HAAAA!!?
AAAH!!

GWA
...

DAAH!!
HOOO!!....

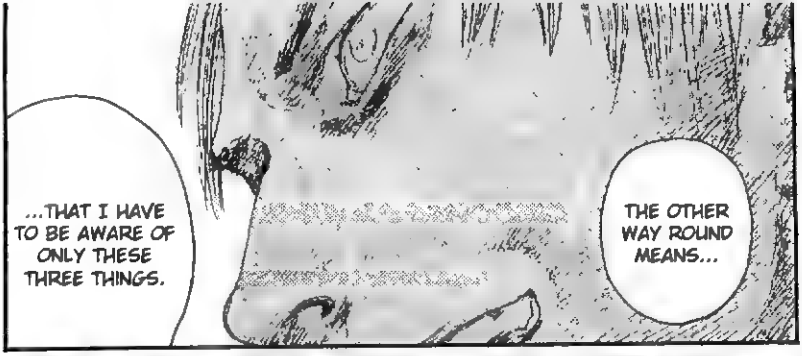
SFX: KYAAA
UNGH

KCG
..
URG
..
I'M NOT EVEN TALKING ...
... ABOUT ...
...YOUR PHYSICAL FEATURE...
...IT'S ALSO YOUR WAY OF THINKING, MANJI.

YOU THOUGHT THAT I WAS MISSING MY LEFT ARM...
...AND THAT MY RIGHT ONE WAS USELESS ANYWAY.
I KNOW WHAT YOU'VE BEEN PLOTTING WHEN WE MET TODAY.
AND SLIT MY THROAT IN RETURN. THAT'D BE IT.
YOU'D ONLY HAD TO COUNTER MY ATTACKS...
THAT I COULD PIERCE AND DRILL WITH IT AS MUCH I WANT, BUT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO KILL YOU.
IT WOULD BE EASY FOR YOU... WITH YOUR GREAT WEAPON.
ALTHOUGH YOU BEING ONE-ARMED YOURSELF...

BUT I'M NOT MISSING MY LEFT ARM AND I'M ARMED WITH A SWORD!
BESIDES THAT, I'M IMMORTAL LIKE YOU.
WHAT NOW?
SINCE YOU'RE WORSE OFF THAN I AM NOW, THAT DILEMMA MUST BE PARTICULARLY BAD FOR YOU.
QUITE A DOUBLE BIND, HUH?
FOR EXAMPLE
IT'S GOOD ENOUGH TO INCAPACITATE ME
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO KILL ME STRAIGHT AWAY, RIGHT?
KILLING ME WILL BE HARD

HE, HE, HE...
IN OTHER WORDS, MANJI...
OR THE HEAD...
...BY CUTTING OFF MY ARM OR LEG.
... THERE ARE EXACTLY THREE OPTIONS.
SINCE YOU'VE ONLY GOT YOUR RIGHT ARM...
YOU COULD CUT OFF MY LEFT LEG...
OR MY LEFT ARM...
...OR MY HEAD. THAT'S ALL.


...THAT I HAVE TO BE AWARE OF ONLY THESE THREE THINGS.
THE OTHER WAY ROUND MEANS...

BWAH, HA, HA, HAAA!

GOOD THING, HUH?
I LOVE SEEING YOUR FACE LIKE THIS! THAT'S REALLY...
SHIRA!
...WHEN I HOLD IT OFF WITH MY SWORD.
THAT STILL DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU CAN'T KILL ME WITH YOUR BONE DAGGER.
WHAT ARE YOU SO HAPPY ABOUT?!
IT'S STILL...
WELL, I DON'T CARE.
THAT MIGHT BE THE CASE
HM? WELL ...

SHIRA
BWA
HAHA
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REN
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LISTEN
I-I DON'T
KNOW...
A-ARE YOU
E-EW
SHIRA
...IS
DAN-
GER-
OUS
...ALLIED
WITH THAT
GUY.

WHO HAS TO... DEAL WITH HIM.
...I-IS A MENACE.. TO EVERYONE...
THAT GUY...
...HE SURELY WON'T L-LET Y...
E-EVEN IF HE... DEFEATS M-MANJI...
RENZO... P-PLEASE... FLEE...!
YOU... HAVE... TO FLEE...
RENZO ...

HAHAHA
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OH WELL…!
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YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.

I CAN'T FALL ANY DEEPER …!
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CHAPTER 160
DISQUISITION ON TRANSPLANTATION
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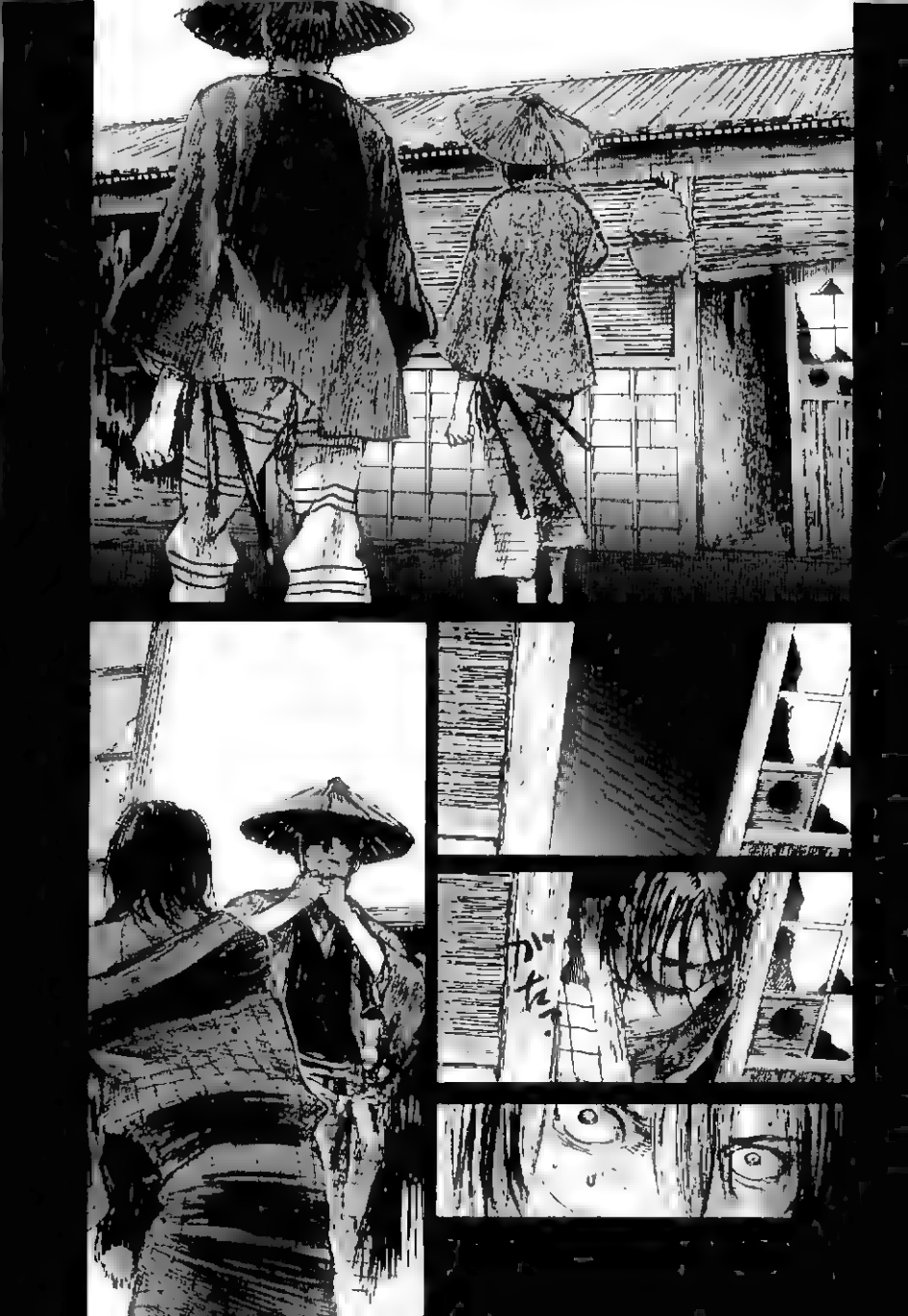
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IS SHIRA HERE?

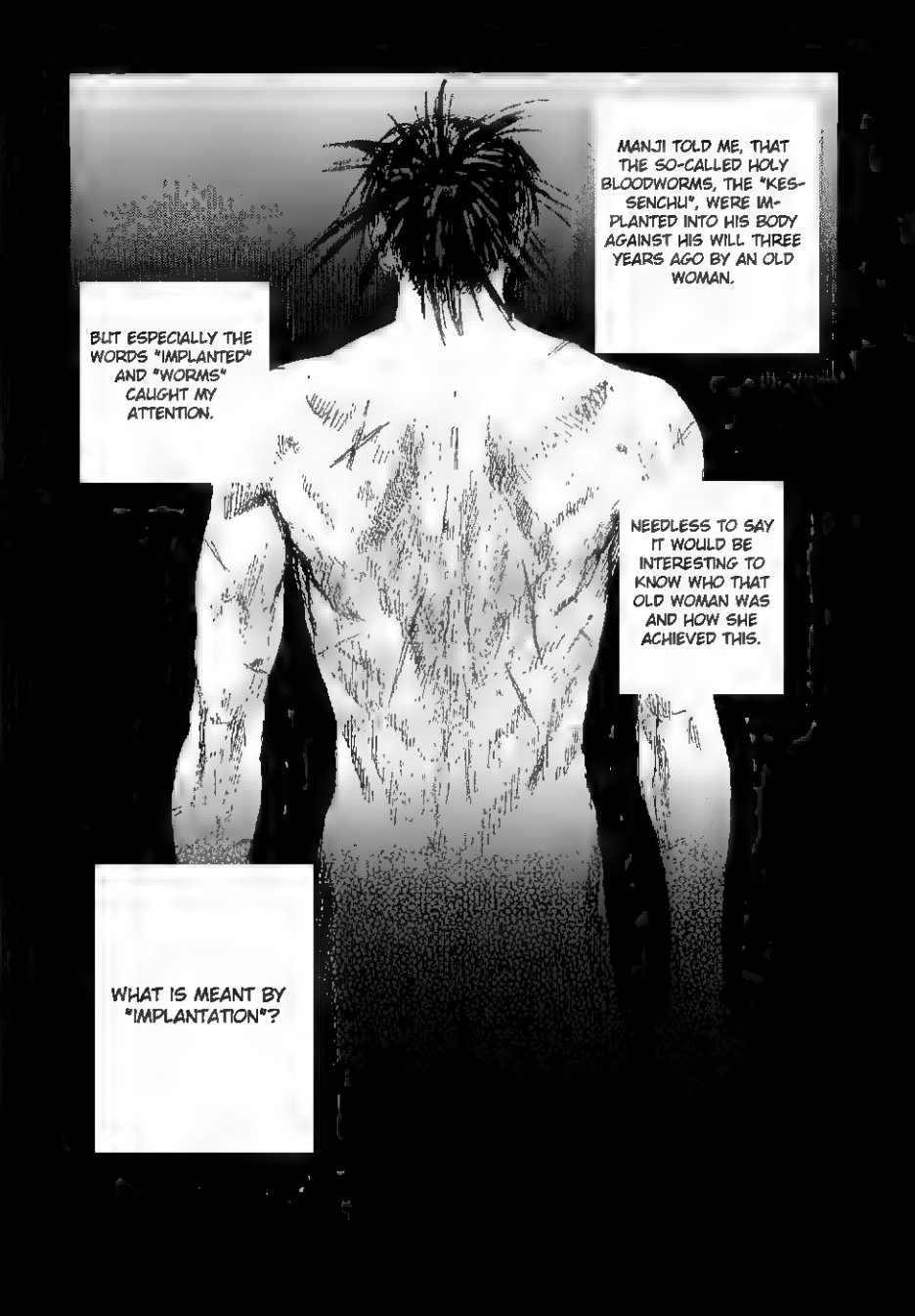
IDIOT!
TO FLEE IS USE-LESS!
HEY, RENZO!
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A PLACE TO GO TO!

MITAKE-SAN...
THAT'S YOUR NAME, RIGHT?

HERE'S A SWORD FOR YOU
MAKE GOOD USE OF IT!
READ IT AS SOON AS I'M GONE
THERE'S A LETTER ON ITS WAY
IT'S THE RECENT LETTER FROM COURT'S DOCTOR BURANDO AYAME TO HABAKI-SAMA. I MADE A COPY.
THE HUNDRED MAN KILLER AND THE GIRL ARE FOLLOWING ITTO-RYU ALONG MITO ROAD.
KILL BOTH!

THAT MIGHT INTEREST YOU.
THE LETTER CONTAINTS EVERYTHING ESSENTIAL ABOUT THE IMMORTALITY EXPERIMENTS.
WE'LL NEVER MEET AGAIN
IF YOU FULFILLED YOUR ORDER, YOU CAN SETTLE WHERE YOU WANT.
IT ALSO INCLUDES A PASSPORT.

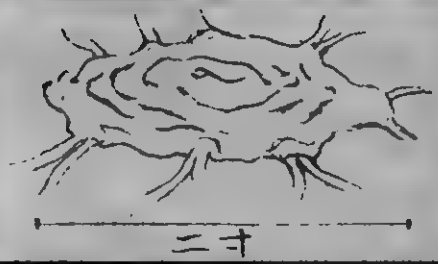
DISQUISITION ON TRANSPLANTATION
HONORABLE HABAKI-SAMA, IN MY LAST LETTER SEVERAL THINGS WERE LEFT UNMENTIONED, WHICH LEAVE ME NO PEACE. PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR BOTHERING YOU AGAIN WITH A LETTER.
I ALLOWED MYSELF TO BURN ALL RECORDS ABOUT THE EXPERIMENTS, WHICH COST FAR TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND FAR TOO MUCH HUMAN LIVES
BUT I CHANGED MY MIND. IT WOULD BE AGAINST HUMANITY TO ABANDON THE WORLD, WITHOUT INFORMING SOMEONE ABOUT THE RECORDS' CONTENT.
THIS IS WHY I CAN'T REFRAIN FROM REPORTING MY KNOWLEDGE,
WHICH I GAINED DURING THAT DISASTROUS TIME, AT LEAST TO YOU.
THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT THE "IMMORTALITY"!


MANJI TOLD ME, THAT THE SO-CALLED HOLY BLOODWORMS, THE "KESSENCHU", WERE IMPLANTED INTO HIS BODY AGAINST HIS WILL THREE YEARS AGO BY AN OLD WOMAN.
BUT ESPECIALLY THE WORDS "IMPLANTED" AND "WORMS" CAUGHT MY ATTENTION.
NEEDLESS TO SAY IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW WHO THAT OLD WOMAN WAS AND HOW SHE ACHIEVED THIS.
WHAT IS MEANT BY "IMPLANTATION"?

T WAS ON A DAY IN DECEMBER. WE WERE ALREADY IN THE FINAL STAGE OF THE EXPERIMENTS. I OPENED SEVERAL PARTS ON MANJI'S BODY TO CHECK THE INCREASE AND DECREASE OF HIS REGENERATION ABILTY.

ON HIS LEFT ARM I DISCOVERED A PECULIAR CLOT OF FLESH.

AT FIRST SIGHT IT SEEMED LIKE A PART OF MANJI'S BODY.



BUT AS IT DIDN'T CONSIST OF HIS OWN FLESH AND BLOOD... BUT RATHER BEING A DIFFERENT LIVING ORGANISM.

HOPEFULLY MY UNGAINLY DRAWING IS ABLE TO IMPLY THE LOOK OF THIS FIND.

UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO POSSES, SINCE I HAVEN'T REMOVED THAT CLOT OF FLESH.

THAT THOUGHT CAUSED ME TO HESITATE FOR A SECOND. DURING THAT LITTLE TIME OF HESITATION ...

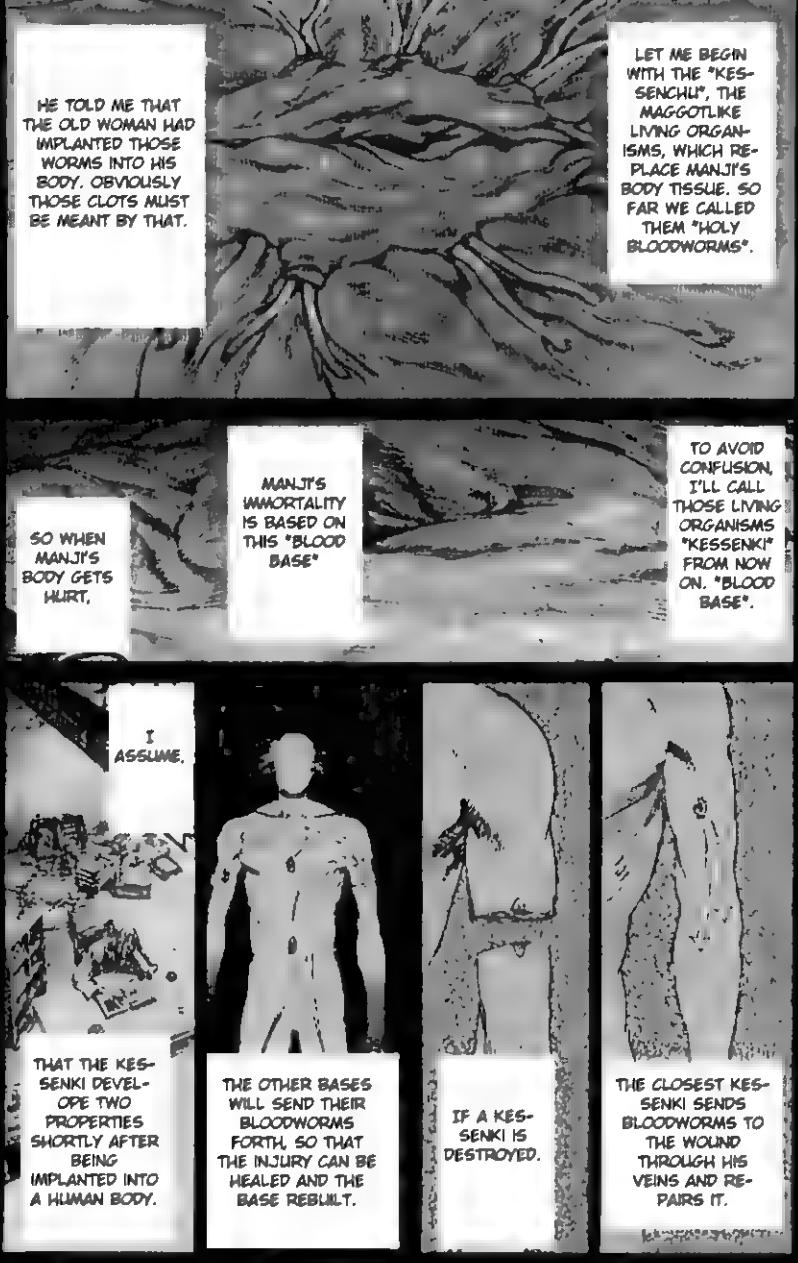
I MADE A STUNNING OBSERVATION AT THE OPEN WOUND.

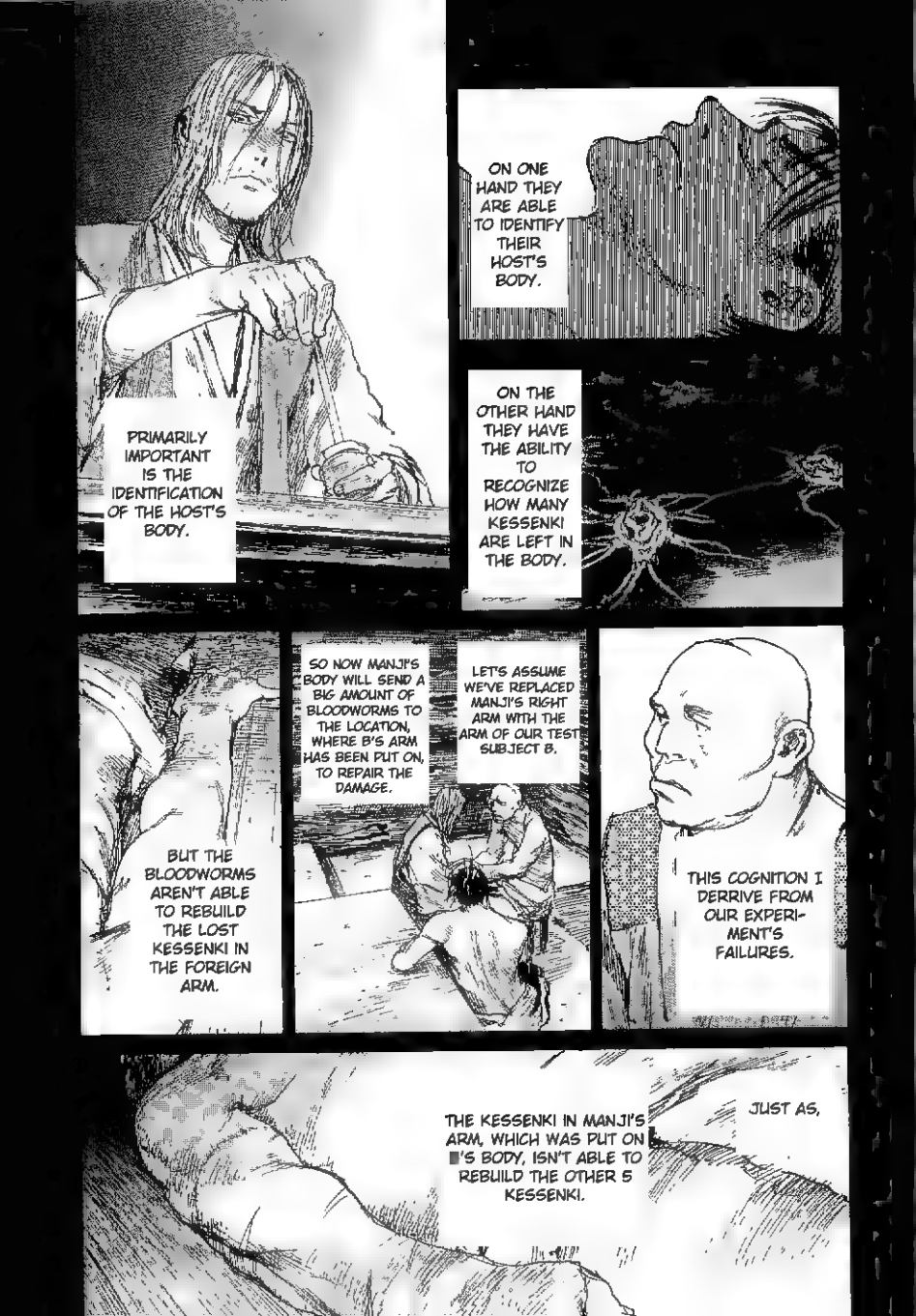
I WASN'T SURE ABOUT WHAT I SAW ...

BUT I INTUITIVELY ASSUMED THAT IT HAS TO BE RELATED TO MANJI'S I MMORTALITY.

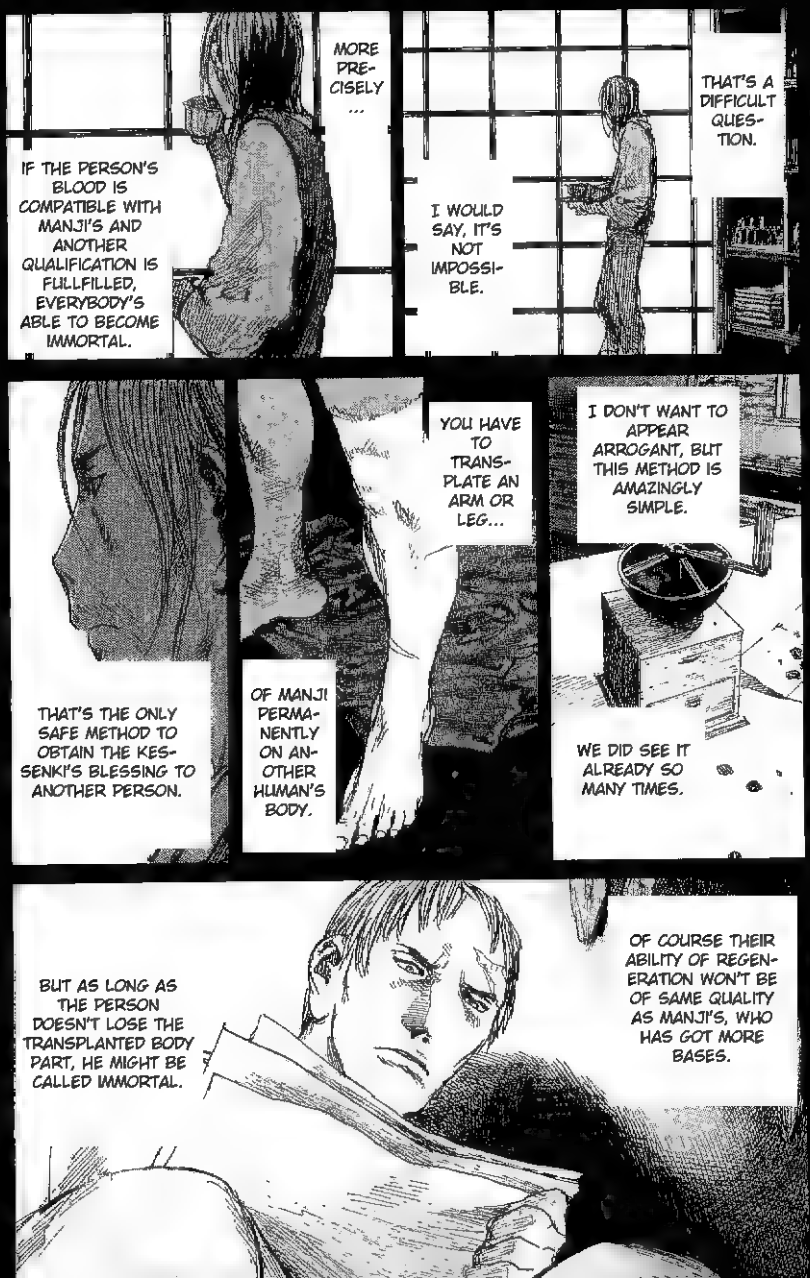
BEFORE I KNEW IT, 90 PERCENT OF THE WOUND WAS CLOSED IN A MIRACULOUS WAY AND TOOK ON NORMAL SKIN COLOUR
WITHIN SECONDS THAT FOAM FILLED THE WHOLE WOUND.
SUDDENLY A FOAMLIKE SUBSTANCE APPEARED ON THE CLOT'S SURFACE.
SO THAT FOAMLIKE SUBSTANCE WAS WHAT WE CALLED "KESSEN-CHU".
YOU CAN SURELY IMAGINE HOW OVERJOYED I FELT INSIDE.
SO I CON-DUCTED MORE CUTS ON MANJI'S BODY.
..THERE HAD TO BE MORE OF THEM.
IF THIS CLOT OF FLESH SPAWNED THOSE BLOOD-WORMS...
AGAIN I WAS EMBRACED BY A CERTAIN FORE-SHADOW-ING.

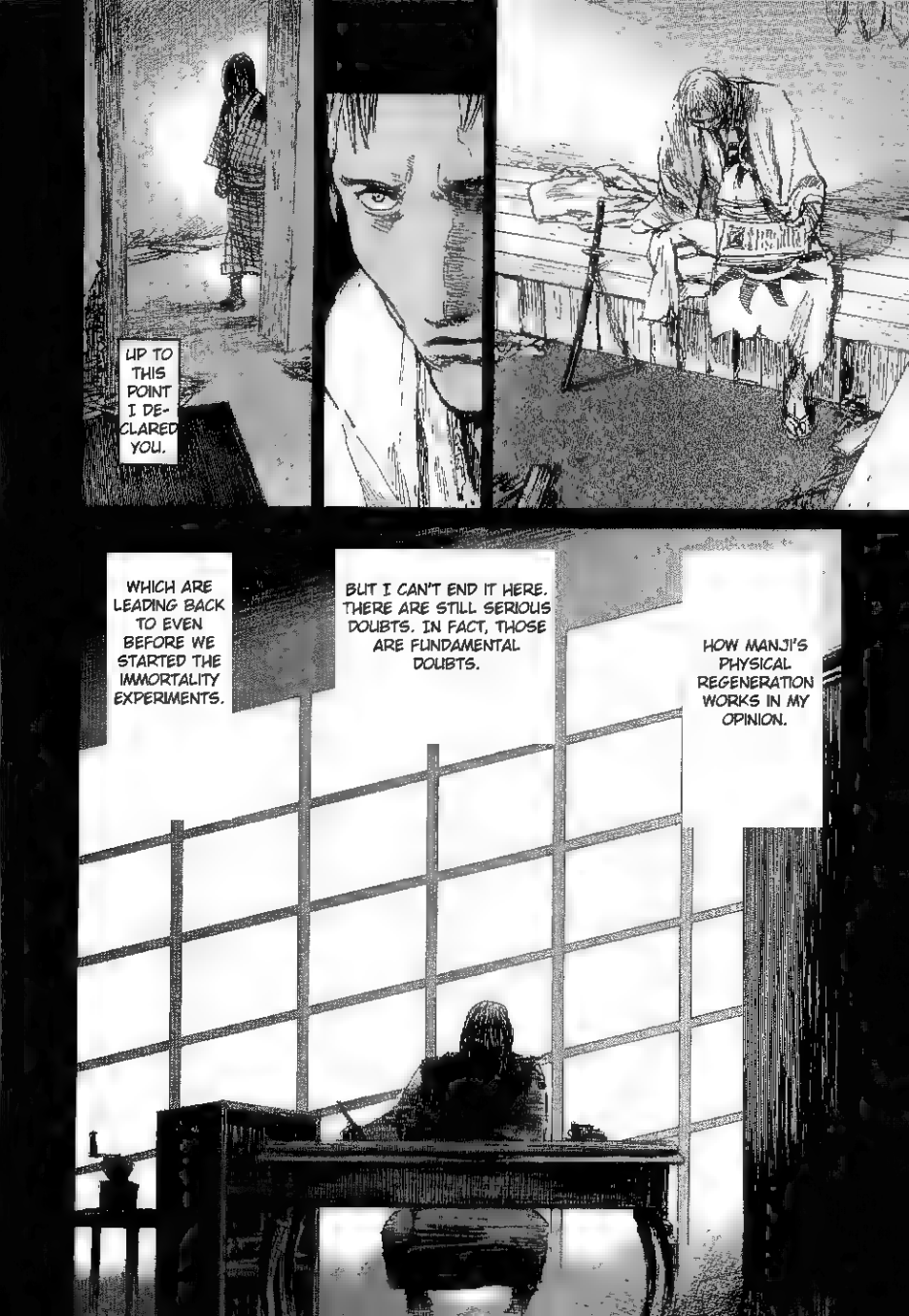
...ON BOTH UPPER ARMS AND THIGHS, AS WELL AS BELOW THE HEART AND ABOVE THE BLADDER.
MY ASSUMPTION TURNED OUT TO BE RIGHT
BUT BASED ON THESE FINDING, I WAS ABLE TO HYPOTHESIZE
I STILL CAN'T CONCLUDE IF THESE ARE ALL PARTS IN WHICH THEY APPEAR.
WITHIN TWO HOURS I DISCOVERED SIX MORE OF THESE CLOTS...
BUT PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT THESE ARE STILL THEORETICAL ASSUMPTIONS!
WITH IT, THE SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF OUR EXPERIMENTS CAN BE EXPLAINED IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER.
THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS ARE BASED ON THIS HYPOTHESIS.
HABAKI-SAMA. ..


HE TOLD ME THAT THE OLD WOMAN HAD IMPLANTED THOSE WORMS INTO HIS BODY. OBVIOUSLY THOSE CLOTS MUST BE MEANT BY THAT.
LET ME BEGIN WITH THE "KESSENCHU", THE MAGGOTLIKE LIVING ORGANISMS, WHICH REPLACE MANJI'S BODY TISSUE. SO FAR WE CALLED THEM "HOLY BLOODWORMS".
SO WHEN MANJI'S BODY GETS HURT,
MANJI'S IMMORTALITY IS BASED ON THIS "BLOOD BASE"
TO AVOID CONFUSION, I'LL CALL THOSE LIVING ORGANISMS "KESSENKI" FROM NOW ON. "BLOOD BASE".
I ASSUME,
THAT THE KESSENKI DEVELOPE TWO PROPERTIES SHORTLY AFTER BEING IMPLANTED INTO A HUMAN BODY.
THE OTHER BASES WILL SEND THEIR BLOODWORMS FORTH, SO THAT THE INJURY CAN BE HEALED AND THE BASE REBUILT.
IF A KESSENKI IS DESTROYED.
THE CLOSEST KESSENKI SENDS BLOODWORMS TO THE WOUND THROUGH HIS VEINS AND REPAIRS IT.


PRIMARILY IMPORTANT IS THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE HOST'S BODY.
ON ONE HAND THEY ARE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THEIR HOST'S BODY.
ON THE OTHER HAND THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE HOW MANY KESSENKI ARE LEFT IN THE BODY.
BUT THE BLOODWORMS AREN'T ABLE TO REBUILD THE LOST KESSENKI IN THE FOREIGN ARM.
SO NOW MANJI'S BODY WILL SEND A BIG AMOUNT OF BLOODWORMS TO THE LOCATION, WHERE B'S ARM HAS BEEN PUT ON, TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE.
LET'S ASSUME WE'VE REPLACED MANJI'S RIGHT ARM WITH THE ARM OF OUR TEST SUBJECT B.
THIS COGNITION I DERRIVE FROM OUR EXPERI-MENT'S FAILURES.
THE KESSENKI IN MANJI'S ARM, WHICH WAS PUT ON [redacted]'S BODY, ISN'T ABLE TO REBUILD THE OTHER 5 KESSENKI.
JUST AS,

THE KES-SENKI'S ABILITY TO MUTUALLY REPAIR,
CAN ONLY DEVELOPE IN THEIR HOST'S BODY.
OF COURSE ANY HUMAN BODY, IN WHICH VARIOUS BLOODWORMS ARE CIRCULATING,
CAN DEVELOPE THE ABILITY TO BE KIND OF IMMORTAL.
BUT SINCE THE SOURCE OF THOSE WORMS IS MISSING, THEIR IMMORTALITY IS ONLY TEMPORARY.
AS SOON AS THE BLOODWORMS EXPEND AFTER HEALING THE BODY, THEY'LL BECOME MORTAL AGAIN.
ALL OF OUR "SUCCESSES" WE ACHIEVED DURING OUR EXPERIMENTS, FALL IN THAT CATEGORY.
WELL, HABAKI-SAMA...
I ASSUME THAT AT THIS POINT ONE GENERAL QUESTION ARISES...
IS IT ACTUALLY POSSIBLE ...
.... TO PASS MANJI'S IMMORTALITY ON OTHER HUMANS?


MORE PRECISELY ...
IF THE PERSON'S BLOOD IS COMPATIBLE WITH MANJI'S AND ANOTHER QUALIFICATION IS FULLFILLED, EVERYBODY'S ABLE TO BECOME IMMORTAL.
THAT'S A DIFFICULT QUESTION.
I WOULD SAY, IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE.
THAT'S THE ONLY SAFE METHOD TO OBTAIN THE KESSENKI'S BLESSING TO ANOTHER PERSON.
OF MANJI PERMANENTLY ON ANOTHER HUMAN'S BODY.
YOU HAVE TO TRANSPLATE AN ARM OR LEG...
I DON'T WANT TO APPEAR ARROGANT, BUT THIS METHOD IS AMAZINGLY SIMPLE.
WE DID SEE IT ALREADY SO MANY TIMES.
BUT AS LONG AS THE PERSON DOESN'T LOSE THE TRANSPLANTED BODY PART, HE MIGHT BE CALLED IMMORTAL.
OF COURSE THEIR ABILITY OF REGENERATION WON'T BE OF SAME QUALITY AS MANJI'S, WHO HAS GOT MORE BASES.


UP TO THIS POINT I DECLARED YOU.
WHICH ARE LEADING BACK TO EVEN BEFORE WE STARTED THE IMMORTALITY EXPERIMENTS.
BUT I CAN'T END IT HERE. THERE ARE STILL SERIOUS DOUBTS. IN FACT, THOSE ARE FUNDAMENTAL DOUBTS.
HOW MANJI'S PHYSICAL REGENERATION WORKS IN MY OPINION.

IS MANJI REALLY IMMORTAL AND DOES NOT AGE?
THE PRINCIPLED QUESTION IS...
HIS AGING CAN'T BE ANSWERED YET, SINCE MANJI'S BEEN IN HIS PRESENT CONDITION FOR ONLY 3 YEARS NOW.
THE QUESTION
ACCORDING TO MY
MANJI'S IMMORTALITY IS IN NO CASE ABSOLUTE
BUT I'M GROWING THE QUESTION OF HIS IMMORTALITY IS ALREADY NOT A QUESTION.
THESE RESTRAINTS ARE
SINCE BLOOD-
THERE ARE SEVERAL SURE METHODS BY WHICH IMMORTALS ARE ABLE TO DIE.

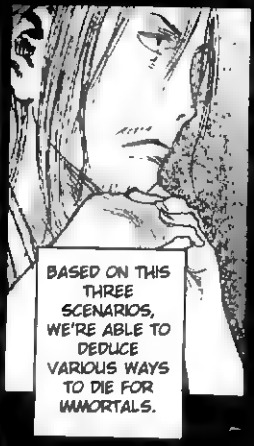
THE BLOODWORMS ARE LIVING IN A PARASITIC WAY IN THEIR HOST'S BODY. IF THE PERSON DOESN'T GET FOOD OR AIR, THE KESSENKI LOSE THEIR LIVELIHOOD.
FIRST: A LONG TIME WITHOUT FOOD OR AIR SUPPLY.

SUPPOSEDLY THE BLOODWORMS DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO SAVE THE HOST'S BODY FROM SUCH DANGER.
SECOND: A CASE OF AN EXTREME INCREASE OR DECREASE OF TEMPERATURE.

IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THE HEART OR THE LUNG IS COMPLETELY TORN TO PIECES, DEATH MIGHT OCCURE BEFORE THE KESSENKI ARE ABLE TO REGENERATE.
THIRD: SUDDEN DESTRUCTION OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF BODY TISSUE CAUSING GREAT DAMAGE TO VITAL PARTS.

ROUGHLY SAID THERE ARE THREE SCENARIOS, WHICH ARE DEADLY FOR THE IMMORTALS RESPECTIVELY THE KESSENKI.

STRANGLING
THAT WAY AN IMMORTAL MIGHT DIE AS FAST AS ORDINARY HUMANS.


BASED ON THIS THREE SCENARIOS, WE'RE ABLE TO DEDUCE VARIOUS WAYS TO DIE FOR IMMORTALS.

FOR THE REASONS LISTED IN PANEL 1, DEATH MIGHT OCCUR.
BURNING:
DEPENDING ON THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE - IF GREAT ENOUGH, DEATH OCCURRING BECAUSE OF REASON 3.
CRUSHING:
DROWNING
AS IN THE CASE OF STRANGLING, DEATH MIGHT OCCUR BECAUSE OF REASON 1.
STARVING
IF AN IMMORTAL IS IMPRISONED WITHOUT ANY FOOD FOR A MONTH, DEATH MIGHT HAPPEN EASILY

STARVING IS TOO BORING...
BURNING OR CRUSHING IS MORE FUN.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
WELL ...
BWAH, HA, HA!
CAN'T YOU THINK OF MORE VARIETIES OF DEATH, THAT AREN'T WRITTEN DOWN ALREADY?!
YOU'RE A MORON, RENZO!

YOU CAN TORTURE THAT GUY IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS WITHOUT KILLING HIM!!
I CAN THINK ABOUT THE WAY I'M GONNA KILL HIM LATER...
THAT'S NOT THE POINT.
IMPOR-TANT IS ...

HUH?

BWAH! HAHA!! HAHA!!
... THAT GREAT!
YOU AREN'T ...
MANJI, MANJI ...
UAHH ...!!

WHAM!!
WHAT A SHAME...
HA HA HA!
HM?
WHAT IS THIS...?

HE CHANGED SOMEHOW.
BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY THING.
I KNOW HE'S NOW IMMORTAL TOO.
ATTACKING, ESCAPING, ATTACKING, ESCAPING ...
HEY MANJI...
SOMETHING ABOUT HIM IS DIFFERENT ...
COMPARED TO ME.
DON'T SAY...
DO YOU REALLY HAVE THE TIME FOR SUCH SHIT?

I SAID THAT THE LITTLE BITCH IS STILL ALIVE, BUT...
REMEMBER?
NOT THAT I CARE, BUT...
.....
...THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT SHE'S IN SAFETY.

RIN ...!
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CHAPTER 161

THROUGH THE DEEP SNOW

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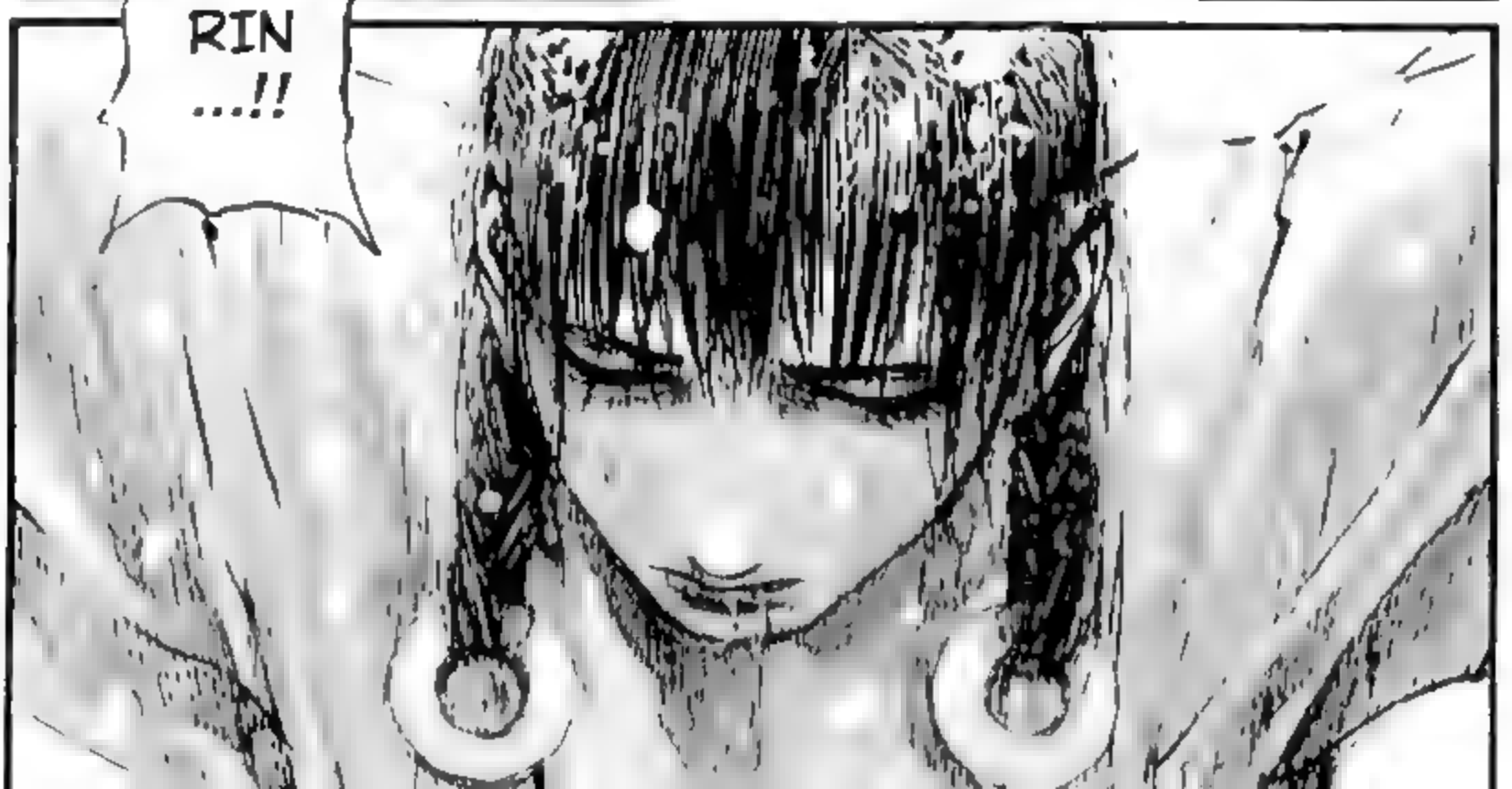
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HA!
HA!

KYAA!!

BUT DON'T WO...

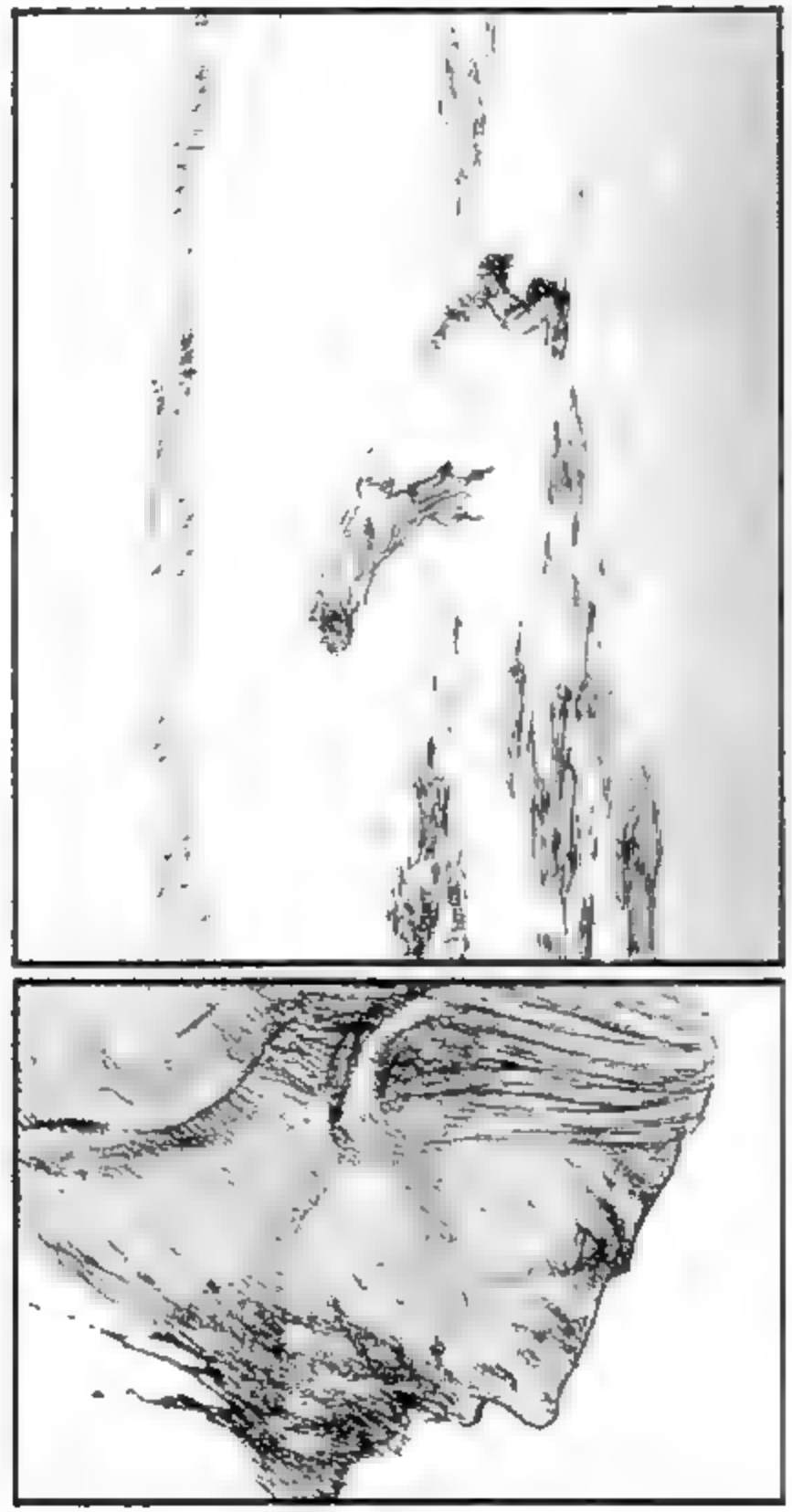
YOU COULD THINK OF THAT MUCH EARLIER...

HA, HA HA!

YOU'RE HEARTLESS!

YOU ASS-HOLE!!

GET OUT OF MY WAY!!!



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ONCE IT'S ABOUT THE GIRL, HE GETS STRAIGHT DOWN TO BUSI-NESS...

HOW FIERCE ...
PFAH ...!

HUH?

DAMN, HOW FAR DID HE...

HUH?

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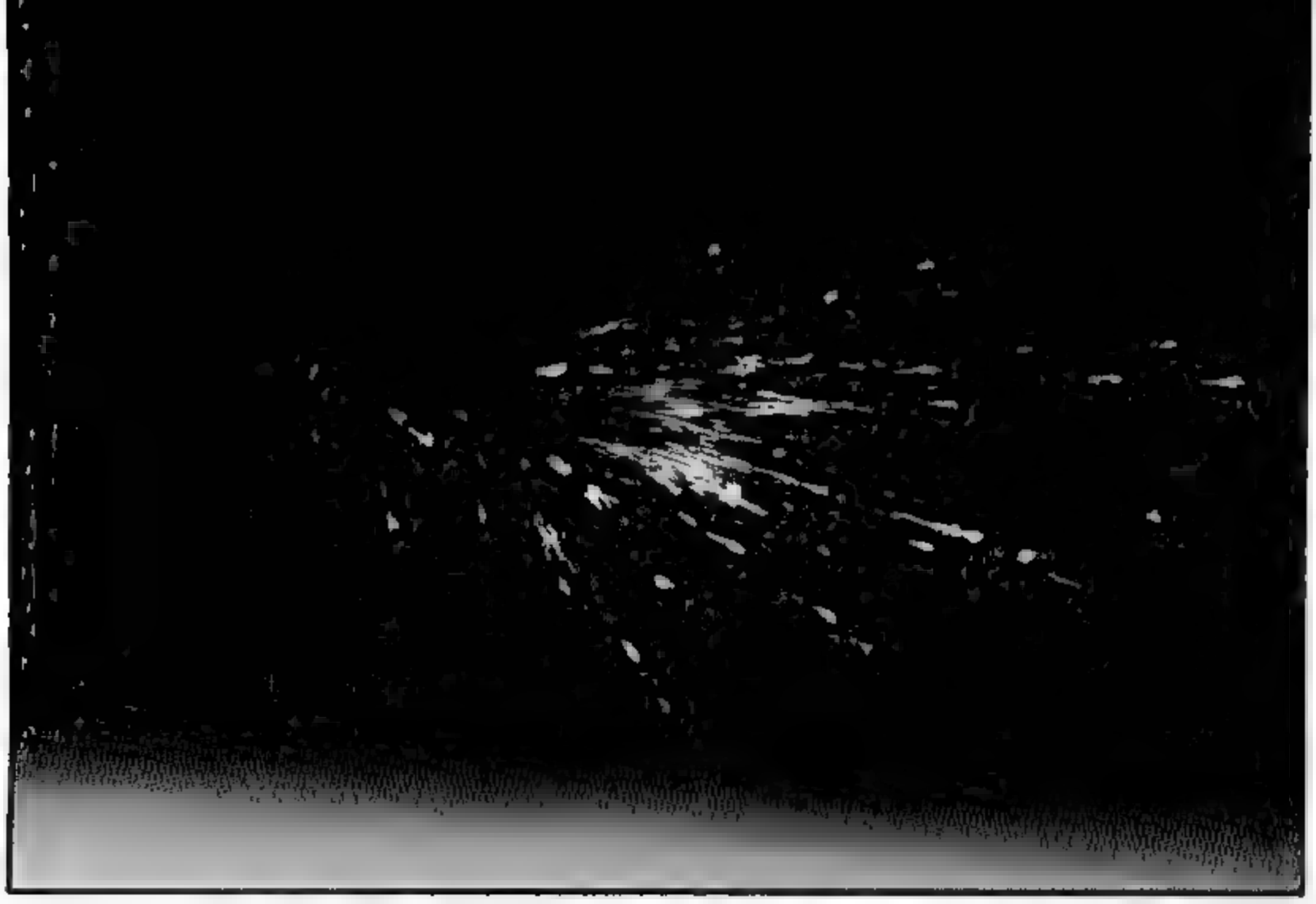

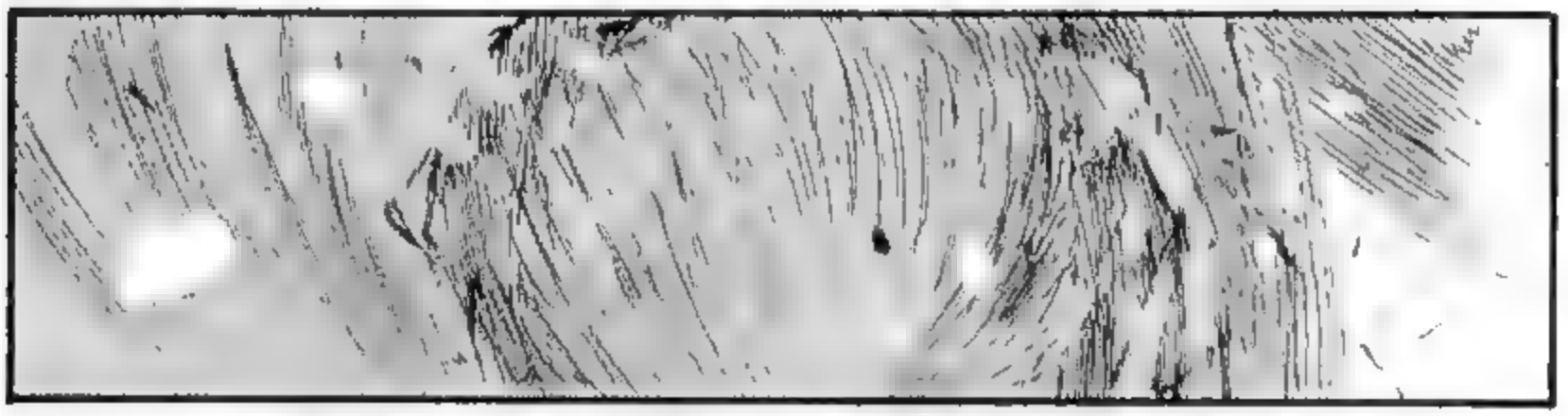

FUCK!

ARGH!
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HEY BOSS!

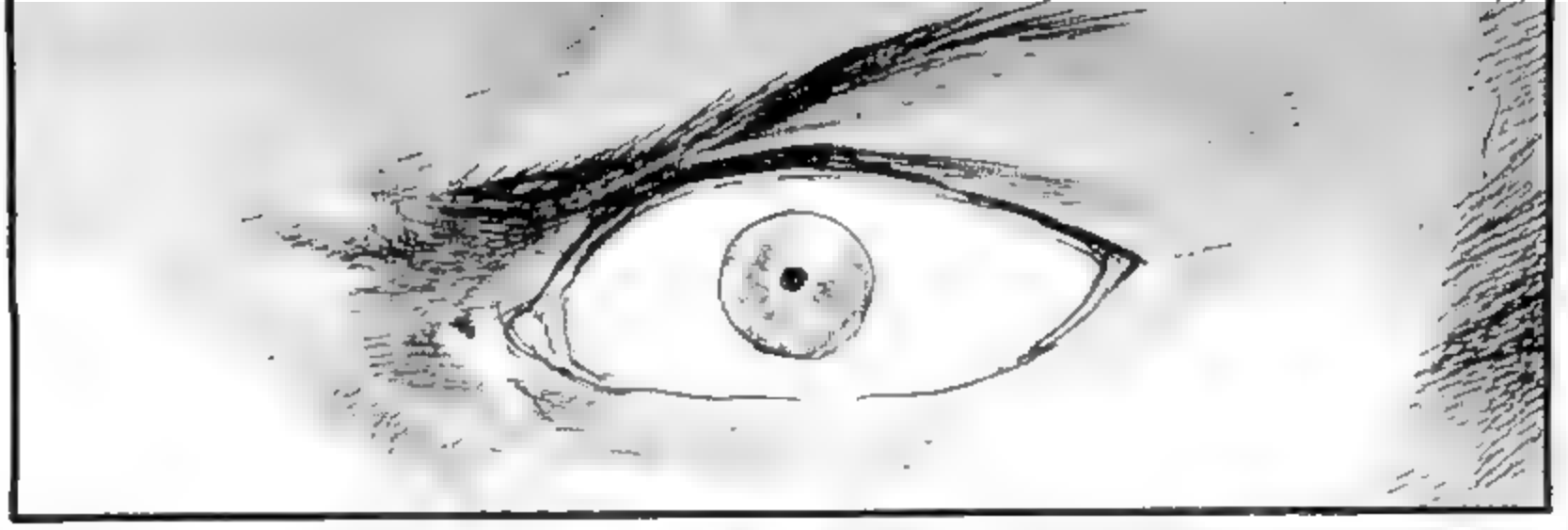
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT.
MOVE ALONG TO OUR GUYS!

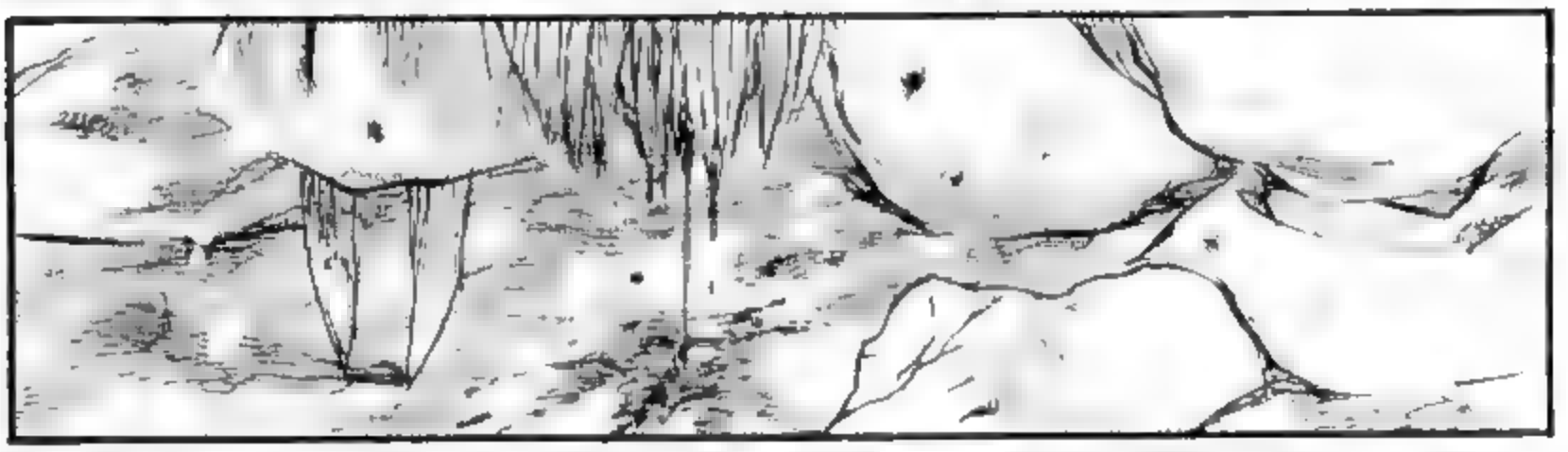
WE'LL WAIT IN HITACHI FOR YOU!

UNDER-STOOD.

HEY YOU!

WHO ...?





RUUUH
...!

SUR-
PRISE
ME.
DAMN,
YOU SURE
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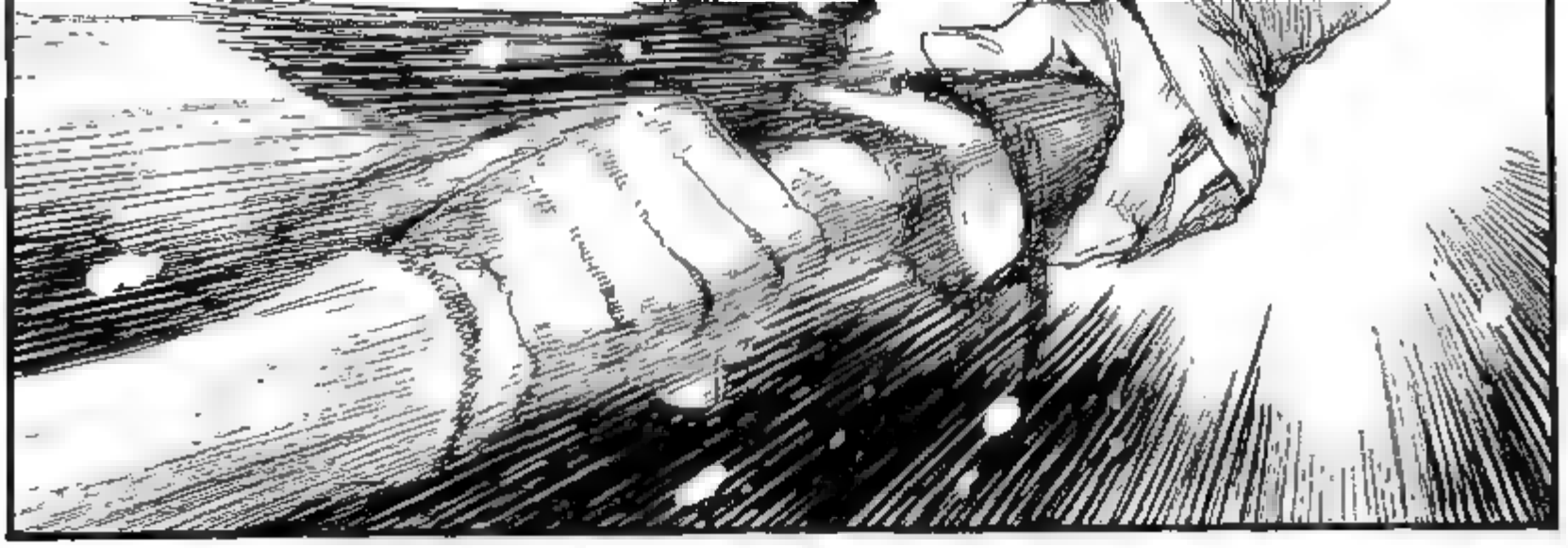
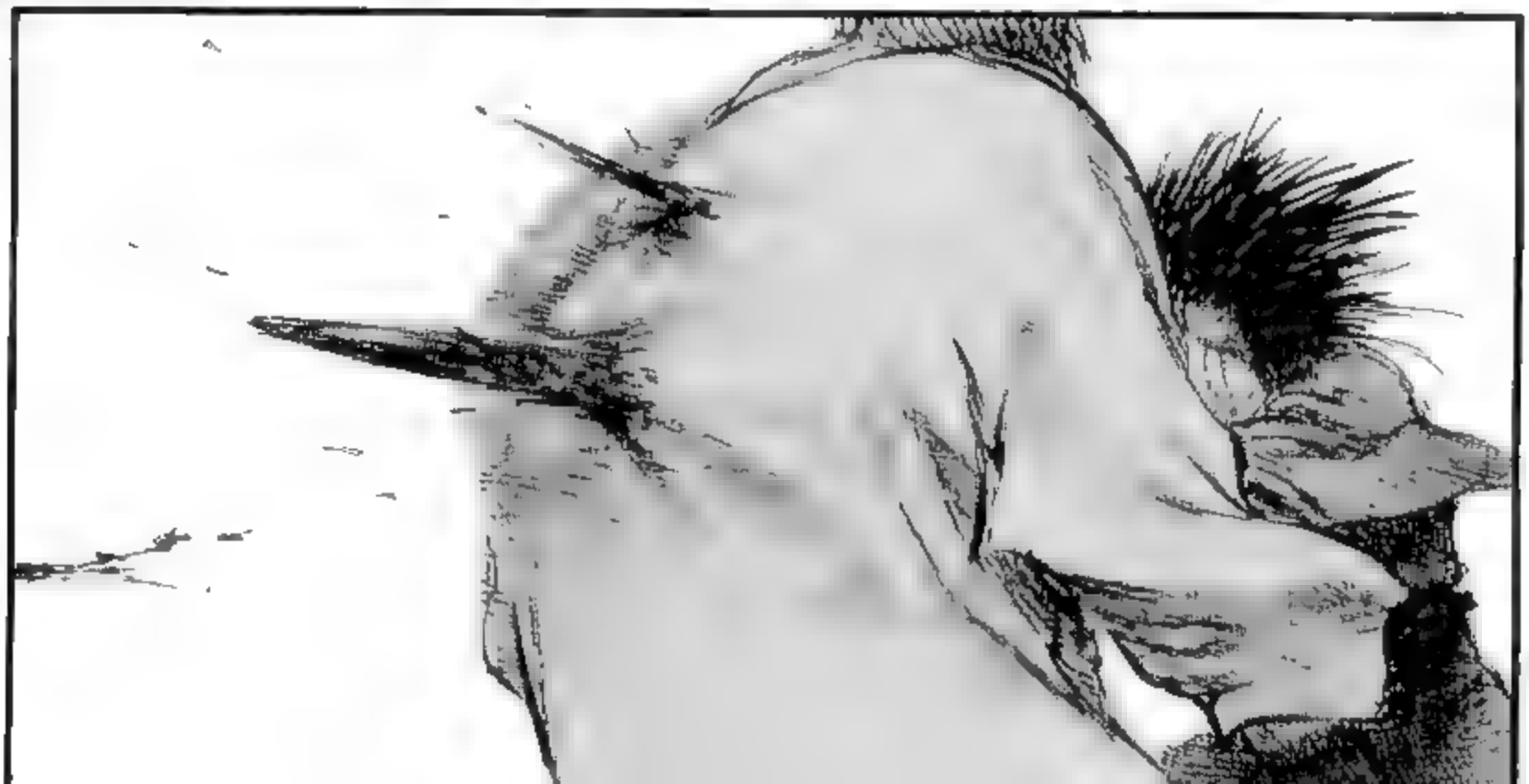


AREN'T YOU...

OH!



HUH?..

GRHG!

WHY...

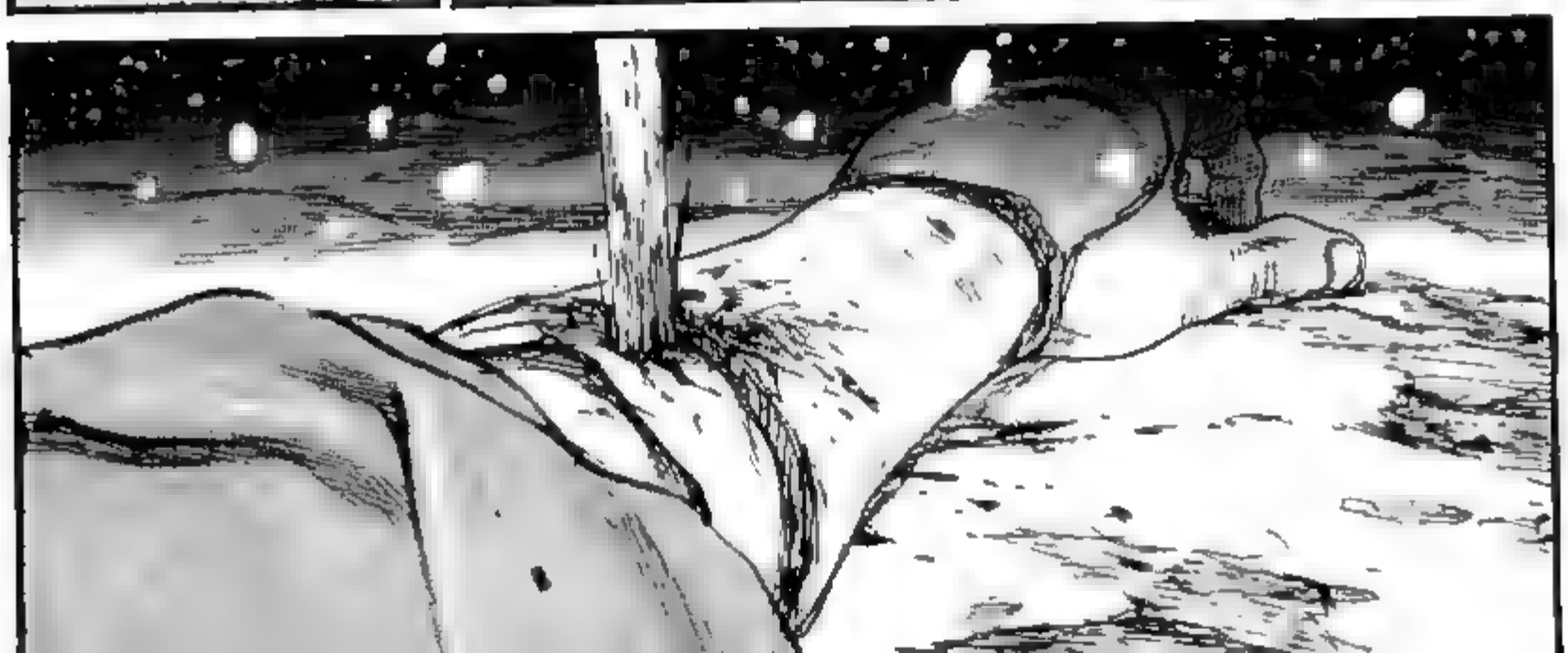
... ARE YOU?

WHAT IS THIS CRAP?!

FIT

ANGH!

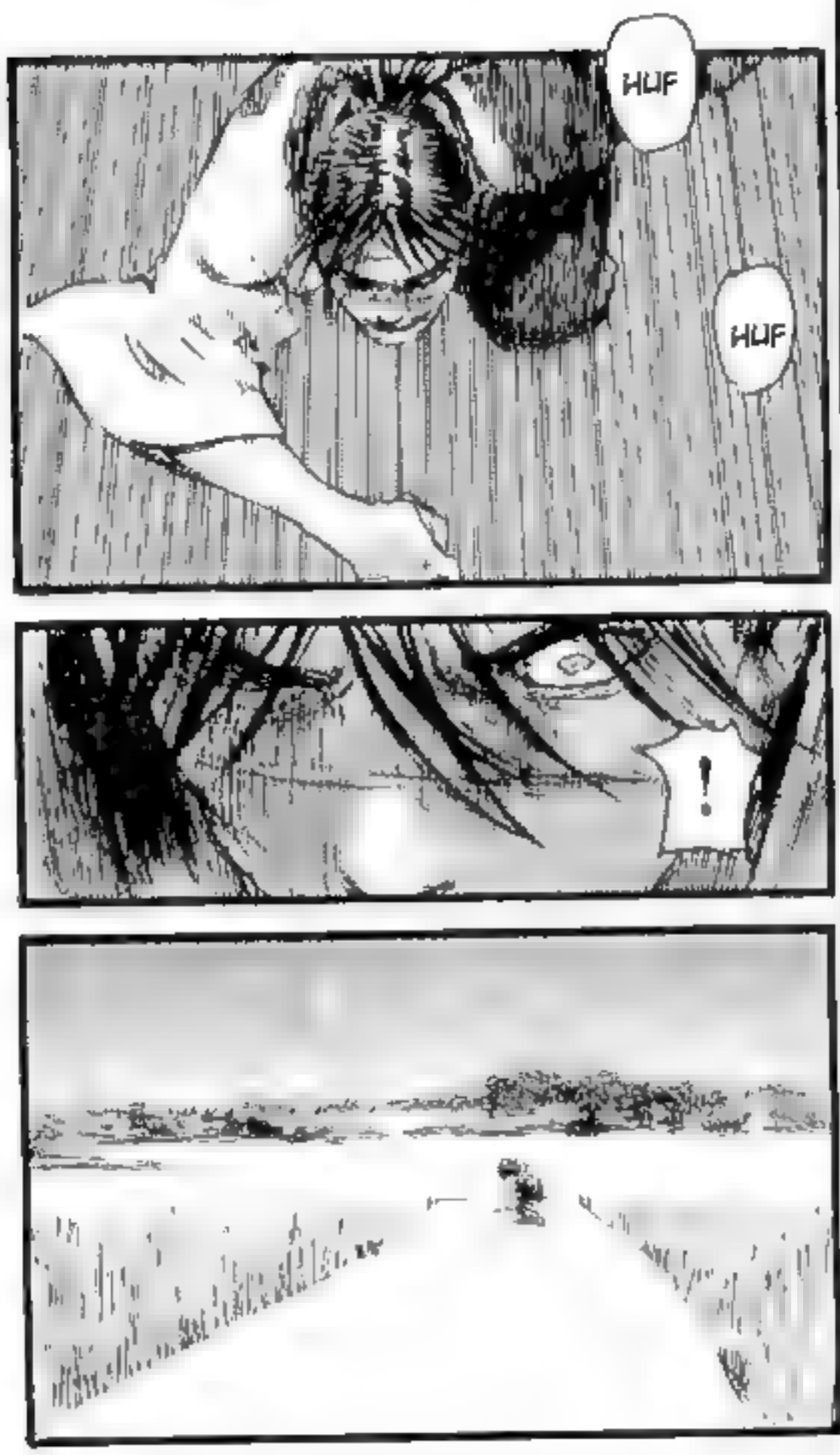
YOU SON OF A ...!
UH...



KYA!

AH!

GRAH!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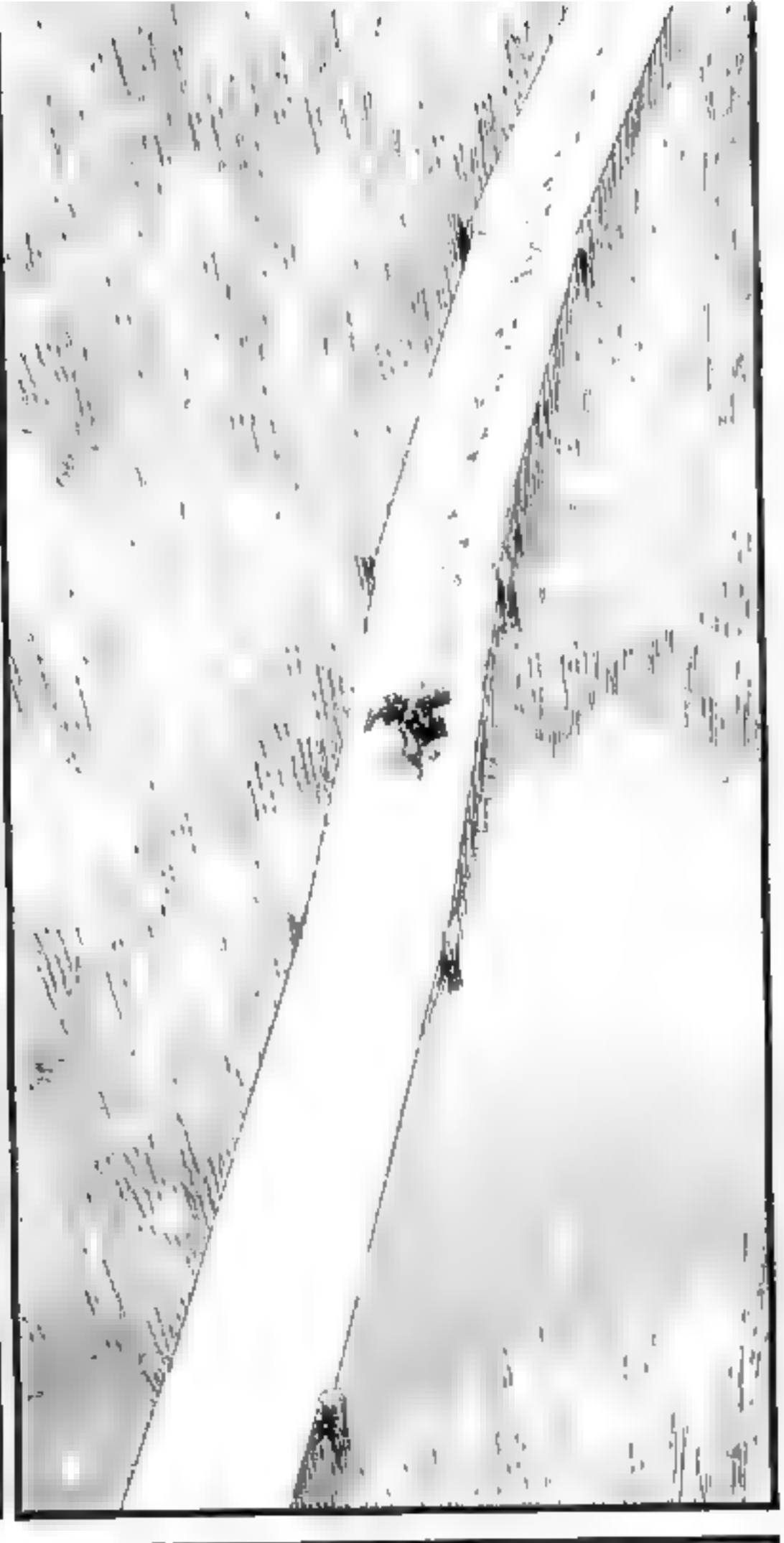

HELLO...
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THE GIRL'S DOWN THERE.

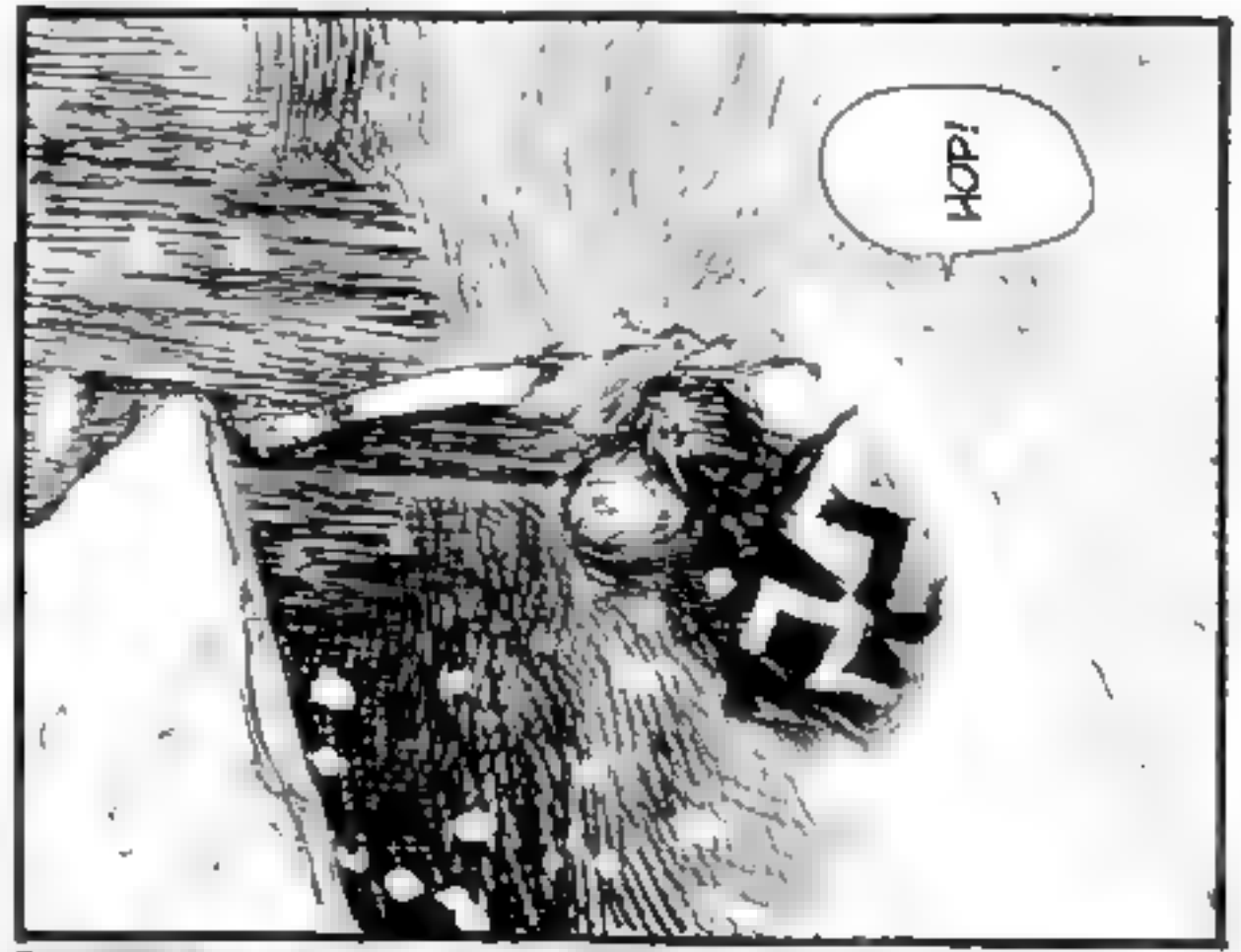
RIN!

MAN...

AH!

TSS!

UNGH...


HOP!

THAT'S NOT GOOD ...

SHIT..

WHAT?!

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CHAPTER 162

THROUGH DEEP SNOW PART 2

.....!!
I DROPPED MY KNIFE WHILE I WAS HOLDING HER ...
SHIT ...

DAMNIT ...!
HEY!

PLEASE ...
.....
... IT'S SHEER TORMENT TO CLIMB UP WITH ONLY ONE ARM.
BRING ME ONE OF MY BLADES...
WHEN THIS IS OVER ...
YOU CAN ...

I KNOW...
... RAM ALL MY REMAINING SWORDS INTO MY BODY.
.... I DESERVE IT.
BUT NOT THE GIRL!
SHE JUST STOOD THERE HELPLESS WHILE I KILLED YOUR FATHER.
HER ONLY MISDEED WAS NOT TO TELL YOU THAT I'M STILL ALIVE.
I KILLED YOUR FATHER BE-CAUSE OF A PALTRY SUM OF MONEY.
CAN YOU FORGIVE HER?
OR... MAYBE IT'S THAT...
IF YOU'RE ON OUR SIDE, I WON'T SAY A THING ANYMORE.
BUT...
IF NOT...

ONE SINGLE SWORD IS ENOUGH!
PLEASE!
REN ZO!

WELL, WELL ...
... LOOK WHAT WE'VE GOT HERE! SUCH A PRETTY COLLECTION OF WEAPONS.

USE YOUR NOGGIN. TO CUT THE ROPE IS NOT ENOUGH.
MANJI, MANJI!
... YOU COULD REACH DRY LAND WITH THE GIRL IN YOUR ARM.
ASSUMING YOU'RE INCREDIBLY STRONG...
... WHEN YOU SCRAPE ALONG THE PLANK WITH YOUR OTHER ARM.

BWAH...
HMMM?
HM?
YOU DON'T HAVE AN OTHER ARM! HA, HA, HA!
I'M SORRY! I KNOW, I KNOW.
SXF: HA HA HA!
I COULD MAKE IT WITH MY "SHABBY" HAND.
THAT'S A SAD THING, MANJI.

YOU PIECE OF SHIT!
SHIRA!
!
BUT WHAT'S THE USE OF THAT NOW?
... A HUMAN MIGHT HAVE A GOOD CHANCE TO SURVIVE.
A DOCTOR TOLD ME...
AS LONG AS YOUR HEART IS ABOVE THE WATER ...
THIS IS WHAT YOU GET!
FOR RUNNING AWAY IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR BATTLE...
BUT DIDN'T I TELL YOU BEFORE?
YOU SHOULD HAVE KILLED ME BEFORE YOU WENT HERE.

...THIS WAY IT'S MUCH MORE DANGEROUS FOR RIN.
TO BE EXACT...
KCH...

RENZO...
WATCH THEM AS LONG AS YOU WANT.
WHAT ...?
THERE'S ANOTHER GUY I HAVE TO KILL.
DON'T WORRY! MANJI MIGHT NOT COME UP AGAIN.
I'VE TIGHTENED THE ROPE VERY WELL. IT'S HARDLY LIKELY THAT HE'LL MANAGE TO GET IT OPEN WITH ONE ARM ONLY.
AND EVEN ... IF
RIN WON'T MAKE IT THAT LONG.
BESIDES THAT, YOU KNOW EXACTLY ...

IF IT'S TRUE WHAT WAS WRITTEN IN THE LETTER...
...HE'LL KICK THE BUCKET EITHER WAY.
LOVELY...
AGAINST THIS COLD...
...HIS BLOOD-WORMS ARE NO USE.
ISN'T IT, RENZO?

WELL...
...THAT ENDED FASTER THAN I EXPECTED.
HE HE ...
AGAINST HEAT OR COLD WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE.
I ACTUALLY EXPECTED IT TO BE MORE FUN.
...YOU ARE SUPPOSELY IMMORTAL, HA HA!
EVEN IF...
MANJI...
TO BE HONEST...

IN TRUTH
I AM WAITING FOR YOU TO GIVE UP THE GIRL AND COME UP ALONE.
IF YOU DROWN OR FREEZE TO DEATH, IT WON'T MAKE ME HAPPY AT ALL.
I WON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST YOU, I GUESS.
I WOULDN'T MIND BEING SLAUGHTERED BY
BUT WHEN

I DON'T KNOW ...
.....
BUT YOU'RE NOT THAT KIND OF HUMAN TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS, ARE YOU ...?
... IN WHICH KIND OF RELATIONSHIP ...
...YOU ARE WITH HER.

YOU'RE JUST SCUM...
...THAT TAKES A HUMAN'S LIFE...
...BECAUSE OF SOME LOUSY GAMBLING DEBTS...!

I CAN'T DO IT WITH MY TEETH.
!!
I HAVE TO FIND THE KNIFE!
SHIT....!
MY FING-ERS...
...I CAN'T...

...MOVE THEM ANYMORE.
UH...

HE WON'T COME UP AGAIN...
IS HE DEAD?
IT TOOK TOO MUCH TIME ALREADY.
HE'S DEAD FOR SURE.
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ARG……
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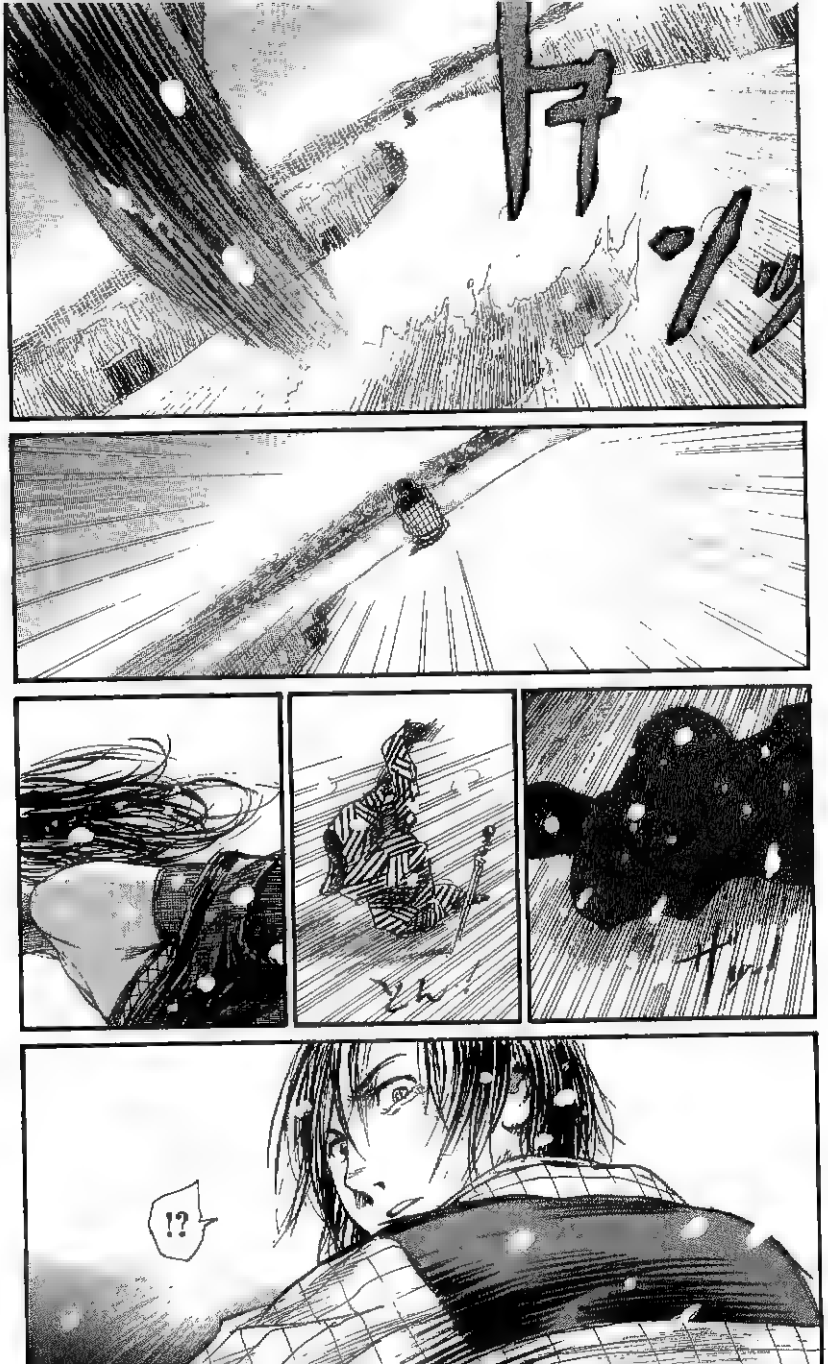

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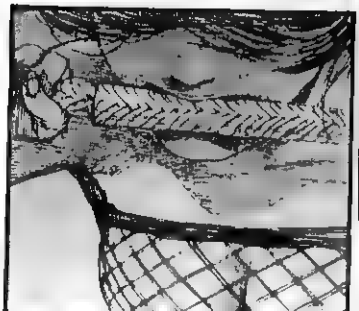

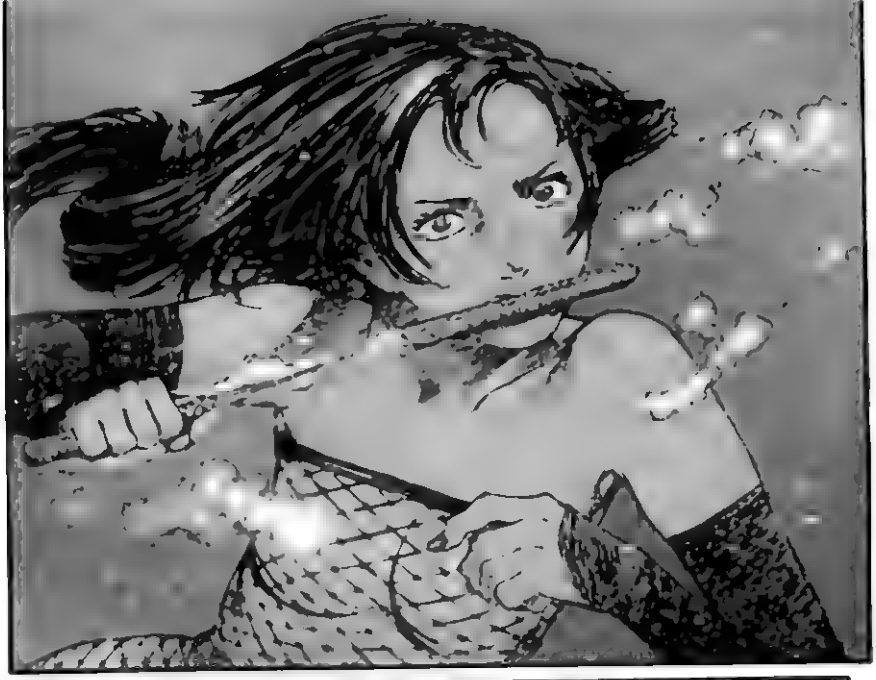

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HEY YOU!

DDID YOU FORGET YOUR POSITION IN THIS ...?!

WHAT...
...IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!
HOW CAN YOU ASK?
YOU'RE A FILTHY SON OF A BITCH!!
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The following spread was the cover picture for AFTERNOON to honor the anime-series of "Blade of the Immortal".

Afterwards several pages are following which my assistant Joji commited in a guerilla activity under the title "previously on Blade of the Immortal" for the AFTERNOON magazine. Since various readers thought that that was much more funnier than the main story, there's nothing else for it but to fill the empty pages of this volume with it. Even if it's quite annoying.

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BLADE OF THE IMMORTAL

巨漢Rin (GIANT Rin)

(by Joji Kootoko)

I am Manji!
Get yourself a bodyguard!
He's a cutie!
Because she hasn't got anything better to do, she heads off to avenge her parents.

END

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That's what female fans have been waiting for!
Promotion for Women.

I wanted to draw Anotsu!

Rokki-dan, rundown to broads

The rose gang!

BARAGUMI RO

Part1

The honor of a spoiled broad!

What a disgrace!

Shame on you!

まんが:ジョージ・アサカラ

The vice of Itto-Ryu!

Taito Magatsu ...

It won't take long, kiddo.

You do what the vice says, right?

Sadly...

He's propably the number three...

...after Magatsu.

And there...

...Sukezano Baro.

HA! HA! HA!

I want too

Silly boy!

D-don't do that ..!

...how strong the others are?

But who knows...

uaaah!

We're nine...

The second-strongest fighter of Itto-Ryu!

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